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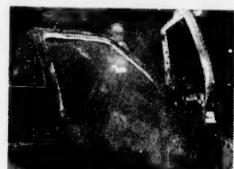
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O Holy Night

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

The Nativity — The West Parish Church presented its 22nd annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant on Sunday at "The Arch." Above, Mary (Amanda Witman) gazes down at the Baby Jesus (Everest Witman), while Joseph, Wise Men and angels gather around. At right, Rachel Margolese plays the part of the Littlest Angel.



We celebrate, they work

Santa's bigger helpers

By Neil Fater

Christmas Eve and Day may be the most wonderful time of the year for Christians, but for many who have to work those days, it can feel like there's no room at the holiday inn for them.

Medical staff, emergency personnel, and care-givers are some who have to work year round, no matter what the calendar says. Fortunately, there are people lending a hand to make their holidays a little brighter.

Among those groups are members of Andover's Temple Emanuel and Congregation Tifereth Israel, who volunteer at local nursing homes to brighten the spirits of nursing home residents while freeing Christian workers to enjoy the holiday.

The Jewish volunteers do this as part of Project Ezra, a statewide effort started in 1986 by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts.

"We go into nursing homes to help staff, and the reason for that is because the food pantries and shelters up here seem to be very supported and don't need us, which I find fascinating. Lazarus House has such a

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Where do they put fire trucks during construction?

Some safety center snags

By Neil Fater

Building a new North Main Street safety center will not put out all of the Andover Fire Department's fires.

The department will still need to make improvements to its Ballardvale station and make smaller additions to its 30-year-old West Andover site, says Chief Harold Wright.

Because of this, and since the fire department will need a temporary structure for the downtown firefighters and vehicles while the new center is being built, the town is looking for ways to kill two birds with one building. Instead of building or renting a temporary shelter on site, that will be torn down in a year or two, Andover officials want to build something that can be used for another purpose later.

"I'd rather spend some of the money on getting something we can have in the future," says Selectman Larry Larsen.

But none of the options seem ideal for Wright.

Larsen suggests buying land in Ballardvale and building something that could later become the base for an expanded Ballardvale station.

"Absolutely, we'll have to look at Ballardvale. That's gone on for much too long," says Wright, of conditions at that station. Part of the problem is that another bay is needed at both Ballardvale and West Andover, he says.

But the fire chief is uneasy about tying the cost of land for a new Ballardvale station to the improvements needed for both the police and fire departments at the downtown safety center. Police Chief Brian Pattullo and Wright have focused on paring the cost of that new center for several months.

"We've worked hard to cut some \$2 million, now half of that could be gone with tak-

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A split on center site Seniors: We'll take it to Town Meeting

By Neil Fater

It's official. There will be a showdown at Town Meeting between selectmen and senior citizen groups regarding the best idea for Andover's next senior center.

Because selectmen, on a 3-2 split, voiced opposition to placing an article on the Town Meeting warrant seeking voter approval to lease Phillips Academy's Williams Hall for a center, seniors plan to pursue a citizen article, seeking the same thing. This will pit them against a major-

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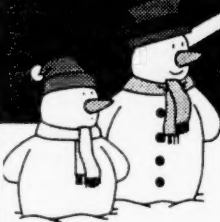
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TownTalk



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Up in smoke — The 1991 Saab of Tony Salerno was consumed by flames in Elm Square Thursday afternoon, before firefighters could douse a blaze that began in the glove compartment due to an electrical short.

A Yuletide Saab story

Andover resident Tony Salerno said goodbye to a loyal companion last week: his 1991 Saab. The car stalled and caught fire in front of the Andovers Gift Shop last Thursday around 5 p.m.

Salerno pushed the car to the side of the road, and noticed light coming from the glove compartment where the fuse box sits. He ran into the shop and requested a 911 call, after his cell phone failed to connect.

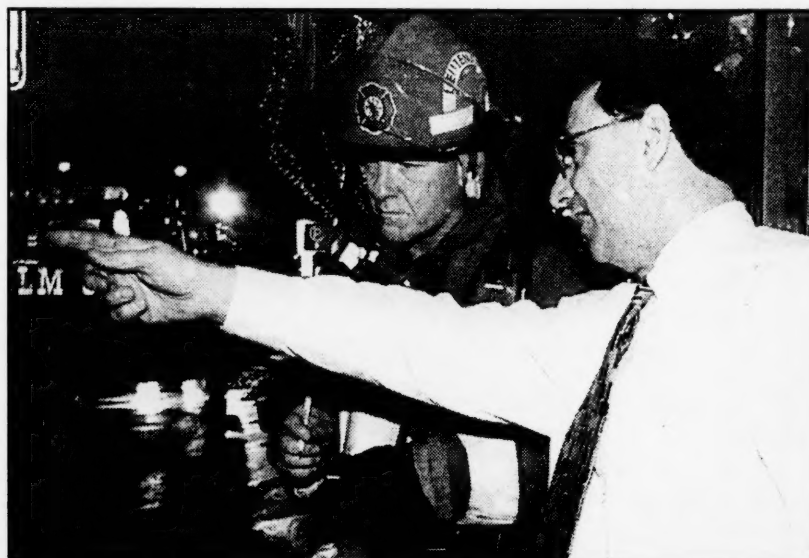
Over the next few minutes, the fire spread until the entire car was engulfed in flames, before the Fire Department was able to put it out.

The heat was so intense that it could be felt through the windows of the gift shop, and shop owner Debbie Lane insisted Salerno step inside, away from a potential explosion.

Salerno and patrons of the shop watched through the doors of the shop as Andover firefighters doused the blaze. Patrons and employees tried to console him, as he watched the car burn.

But Salerno was philosophical about the loss, noting that no one was hurt, and only a few Christmas presents were lost with the

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It started there — Saab owner Tony Salerno confers in the Andovers Gift Shop with Deputy Fire Chief Chuck Murnane about how the car fire started.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tucker names Senate staffers

State senator-elect Susan Tucker, of Andover, has named three members of her Senate staff.

Leslie Bernal, of Lawrence, will be chief of staff. Bernal, 29, has worked as a public affairs consultant for the past six years, most recently as political director to state Senator Warren Tolman during his successful primary campaign for Lt. Governor, and then as research director for the Harshbarger/Tolman campaign.

She has been a boys' basketball coach at Lawrence High School for six seasons, and is a founder of the Robert Frost Festival, an annual event in Lawrence that celebrates Frost's roots in the city and Massachusetts.

Jan Burkholder, of Andover, will be staff director. Burkholder has long been active in community affairs in the greater Lawrence area. In the last two years, she served as president of the YWCA, Habitat for Humanity, Regional Employment Board and Andover League of Women Voters. She is currently president of New England Ventures Group in North Andover, and was campaign manager for Tucker for Senate.

Jim Redmond, 24, will become Tucker's legislative aid. Redmond is a former participant in the Marist Volunteer Program, in which he taught at the Sacred Heart Elementary and Holy Trinity schools in Lawrence. He most recently was a legislative aide to former state senator John O'Brien.

Tucker said she expects to announce other staff additions at a future date.

Andover gets \$15k D.A.R.E. grant

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover) has announced that Andover will receive \$15,000 from the 1999 D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Grant Award.

"The award received is a reflection of the remarkable job that D.A.R.E. Officer Cecilia Blais has done with the program," Finegold said. "I am confident that the program will again be successful this year."

The governor awarded \$4.3 million in D.A.R.E. grants to 303 cities and towns across Massachusetts.

"As Andover's D.A.R.E. officer for the past three years, I was very pleased with the grant award this year," said Blais. "In my opinion, it is very important that the police department continue this program, not only for the drug education purposes, but also to further the new community policing spirit being promoted by Chief Pattullo. The police department is very concerned about the welfare of Andover's youth, as they are our future leaders."

D.A.R.E. provides drug prevention education from uniformed police officers as well as lessons on personal safety, enhancing self-esteem, assertiveness and decision-making. Police departments use D.A.R.E. grants for tobacco prevention and cessation initiatives, violence prevention programs, recreational activities, teen dating violence awareness, delinquency prevention and gang suppression.

Quote, unquote . . .

'The population of the town has grown — virtually doubled in the past 15 years, but the size of the central business district has stayed the same. When that happens, rents go up."

Former Planning Board chairman Hooks Johnston, advocating for an expansion of the downtown.

'Is that deck going to be good for another year, two years, or a month? Right now we don't know."

Fire Chief Harold Wright, speaking of conditions in the current public safety center.

NEWS CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 30

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 9 a.m.

Monday, January 4

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

School Committee, Executive Session, Superintendent's Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, School Committee Room, School Administration Building 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6

Greater Lawrence Technical High School, 57 River Road, executive sessions, AFT Negotiating Subcommittee, 4 p.m.; Clerical Negotiating Subcommittee, 6 p.m.; Cafeteria Negotiating Subcommittee, 7 p.m.

Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees, Plant and Facilities Conference Room, 7:15 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District, sec-

ond-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12

Healthy Communities Tobacco Awareness Committee, 120 Main St., 9 a.m.

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, budget workshop, 7 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical High School, Building Expansion Subcommittee, 57 River Road, 4 p.m.; Sick Bank Subcommittee, executive session, 5 p.m.

Thursday, January 14

Merrimack Valley Advisory Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

Andover High School Council, high school library, 6 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Early Townsman ad deadlines for New Year's Day

The *Townsman* will be published as usual, on Thursday, Dec. 31. However, because of the New Year's Day holiday, there will be early advertising deadlines.

The deadline for ad reservations and copy was yesterday, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at noon. The classified ad deadline is Monday, Dec. 28, at noon.

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TOWN TALK

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car. Among them was a toy to be returned, sitting on floor of the front seat of the car — a toy fire engine.

"(My son) has several already. I thought about getting a police car instead," Salerno said.

If one sign wasn't enough, Salerno added that his the letters of his charred license plates, "7585 FD," had always reminded him of the Fire Department. He hasn't decided if he'll put the charred plates on his next vehicle, he said.

The fire began after Salerno had completed some Christmas errands, and was returning to work at Buyers Choice Realty in Elm Square. He said he turned right from Park Street on Main Street, opened the car window for better visibility in the rain, and began to turn the corner when the car went dead. He couldn't start it or close the electronic window, so he pushed it along, and tried to pop the clutch to get it started.

"I'm surprised no one honked at me," he said.

When he jumped out to pop the hood, he saw smoke and light in the glove compartment.

Salerno said he bought the car in June. "My wife drives a mini van," he began to say as Deputy Fire Chief Chuck Murnane came into the shop to discuss the situation after the fire was out.

Murnane and Salerno conferred on the details, while Christmas music played in the background, before the car was towed to Elm Street Auto.

Salerno says he may someday buy another Saab. The misfortune made for a sad weekend at the Salerno home, but for the moment, he's counting his blessings.

"If that's the worst thing that ever happens to me, I'm pretty lucky," he says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Former intern spends a year in Ireland

Former *Townsmen* intern Tamar Carroll, a student at UMass Amherst, reported in from Dublin, Ireland this past week.

Carroll is spending a year on an exchange program at Trinity College, and says the campus is "beautiful — all huge Gothic buildings and cobblestones walled off from the rest of the city."

Carroll, who worked for the *Townsmen* during the summer of 1997, also says Dublin "is a fun city — tons of pubs, nightclubs, cheap theater, etc. The people here are really friendly and laid back, and I enjoy talking to them."



Tamar Carroll

"Basically, just go to the library every day and read. It took some adjusting to at first, but now I feel like I'm learning a lot," she says.

She has joined the debating society and the "canoe club, which is what they call kayaking here," she says.

Carroll is the daughter of Dyer and Susan Carroll, of Bellevue Road.

Christopher receives teaching award



Dorothy Christopher

District 18 of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) has announced that Dorothy Christopher, of Andover, has been nominated for the Charles H. Chapman National Award for excellence in teaching.

Christopher, who lives at 16 Birch Road with her

Classes, she says, are "challenging, but interesting."

There is much less class instruction, and students are expected to do much more work independently.



New subscriber — Bentley Knapp, a canine resident of 1 Woodland Road, was born Sept. 12, and at only 10 weeks (when this photo was taken) was already a regular reader of the *Townsmen*. He prefers it to the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Boston Globe*, according to his master, Robert Knapp. We just want to know what he does with it when he gets done reading it.

husband, James, is a member of the Merrimack River Power Squadron. She has taught public boating classes as well as the new BoatSmart course for a number of years. Her practical, hands-on approach involves her students in all aspects of learning about boating safety.

Her enthusiasm and commitment were noted at the recent USPS 4 District Conference held in Wells, Maine. Christopher plans to teach two courses in the spring. Call the Andover Department of Community services at 623-8273 for more information.

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Bill McCann at the center of D.C. discord



Bill McCann

While the future of anyone's job in Washington may never be certain, one Andover resident with an insider's view is particularly concerned these days.

William "Bill" McCann, chief of staff in U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan's Washington, D.C. office, says he fears the impeachment of President Bill Clinton will discourage talented people

from getting involved with public office.

"Besides setting a terrible precedent in setting the bar for impeachments," he adds.

"It's a sad situation. I'm concerned with the effect it's going to have on my generation. In a lot of ways, people tune out, he says.

While others tune out, Washington heats up, and McCann, 26, is in the thick of it.

Meehan recently promoted McCann, son of Dr. William and Jill (Gilda) McCann, of Chaise Circle. He started by answering mail, and his new position is the equivalent of a chief of staff job, says McCann, who will have worked for Meehan for four years by this February.

After graduating from Georgetown University in 1994, McCann's first job in politics was as a legislative correspondent in U.S. Sen. John Kerry's office.

"That's the person who answers all the mail," he says. McCann then worked under Meehan as a junior legislative aide, an aide and legislative director, before becoming head of the office.

While he may be an anomaly among other Washington staffers, Meehan's staff is younger



Greeting card kid — Molly Van Doren, 6, had her artwork chosen this year for the Spar and Spindle Girl Scout Council. She is the daughter of *Townsmen* photographer Carol and Ed Van Doren, of Andover.

than most. According to a staff employment study by the Congressional Management Foundation, the average age of people in McCann's job is 40.

Meehan is served well by a young and energetic staff, because he tries to get a lot accomplished in a short amount of time, McCann says.

His new job includes keeping Meehan on top of national issues and in touch with local issues, such as how the federal government is affecting Andover. The job, McCann says, is no small task. Just making sure the office runs efficiently takes up to 80 hours a week, he says.

While long hours and the state of affairs in Washington may be a deterrent to some who once aspired to work in government, McCann recommends it.

"Public service is a great career path. You have a real opportunity to make a direct and positive impact on other people's lives, particularly those less fortunate," he says.

"This (year 2000) election could very well be a

referendum on the impeachment process," McCann says. His hope for next year's Congress is to "make a concerted effort to increase civility," he says.

As connected as he is to national issues, McCann says he isn't planning to uproot anytime soon.

A graduate of St. Augustine's school, West Junior High School and St. John's Prep in Danvers, McCann maintains his address at Chaise Circle in Andover, and votes by absentee ballot. He pays taxes and car insurance to Massachusetts and makes an effort to be in the area.

While he will admit he wishes he could vote in Washington as well as in Andover, his political aspirations are northward.

"Eventually I want to get back to Massachusetts," he says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Coach's memoir a stocking stuffer?

Retired Andover High School teacher/coach, and current School Committee member Dick Collins has always had pretty good timing.

Maybe that's why his new memoir, *The Word Quit Does Not Exist*, is moving rather briskly, since it was released earlier this month by the Eagle-Tribune Publishing Co.

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Photo by Carol Van Doren

It's the most loaded-down time of the year — Andover postal worker Jim Morin gets the latest installment of the Yuletide avalanche from the downtown branch Saturday afternoon.

DEP report under fire from environmentalists

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A new state report on area pollution, already being criticized by environmentalists, is part of a project to make Massachusetts a world leader in cutting mercury emissions, say Department of Environmental Protection researchers.

Mark Smith, deputy director of the DEP Office of Research and Standards, presented a portion of a report last week in North Andover to an audience that included legislators and environmentalists.

A summary of the study released last week, "Aggregate Waste Incinerator Assessment: Merrimack Valley," concluded that the cumulative emissions of three area incinerators (the NESWC incinerator in North Andover and two others in Lawrence and Haverhill) don't exceed state standards for emissions. Smith adds that the impending retrofit of the NESWC plant in 2000 would reduce emissions of some substances by 90 percent.

The retrofit, or addition of new pollution control equipment for the plant, is required by 2000 under the federal Clean Air Act of 1990. Additional pollution controls imposed by the state for mercury will be added between 2003 and 2005, Smith says.

"We have gone well beyond the (federal) EPA," Smith says of the state's plans to reduce mercury emissions. "I really think we're out ahead on mercury (controls) nationwide and world wide."

But local environmentalists with Clean Water Action, People for the Environment and the Merrimack Valley Environmental Coalition, released a critique of the report, charging researchers with ignoring the effects pollution — particularly dioxin and mercury — on the food chain.

According to the environmentalists' report, the fish in Kenoza Lake in Haverhill were found recently with mercury levels of more than three times the Department of Public Health's action level for health advisories, and the DEP warned the public not to eat fish from the lake.

Smith says research on such effects would warrant a separate, more complicated study, since the dioxin in the environment comes from many sources, including incinerators.

"The environmentalists brought up valid points. We are aware of them and following up. The study doesn't end with the release of our report in two weeks. There's much more work down the road," he says.

ConsCom to try again with wetlands bylaw

Conservation Commission members are hoping they've made enough changes to their proposed wetlands bylaw to keep it from sinking at Town Meeting this year.

Because its bylaw proposal was convincingly shot down in 1998, the ConsCom has already met with the Planning Board to try to address its concerns and gain its support.

The bylaw has also been rewritten to make it easier for residents to understand, says ConsCom member Donald Cooper. This move has met with support from selectmen.

"Something that's that big and that weighty, people are almost immediately suspicious of," says Selectman Larry Larsen.

There are several significant

changes to the bylaw, as well.

"People with one- and two-lot parcels will have a blanket exemption from this bylaw," says Gail Ralston. "People were afraid a simple jungle gym would come under strict scrutiny."

All sewer connections will also be exempt, she says.

Ralston says the ConsCom went through last year's Town Meeting transcript, and has tried to address the objections raised.

State law allows the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to hire experts at the expense of an applicant filing to develop land, and the bylaw would allow the ConsCom to do the same. A fee schedule to pay for the experts' studies will be in direct proportion to the size of the project, says Ralston.

— Neil Fater

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Andover Community Child Care to seek new bids for service

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A new company may be running Andover Community Child Care (ACCC) next spring, as Phillips Academy's contract with the current provider, Community Day Care of Lawrence, expires in June.

This spring, the school will review proposals to run the center, rather than just extend the lease for ACCC, as it has done for the last 16 years.

Community Day Care runs the center on the Phillips campus, says the center's founder and Executive Director, Sheila Balboni. ACCC offers day care for children of Phillips' faculty and staff as an employee benefit, and for a fee to Andover residents.

The center cares for 165 children, from infants to kindergartners, and was recently accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Balboni says.

About 28 percent of the children in their care are children of PA employees, Balboni says. The rest are mostly those of Andover and North Andover residents.

Susan Costello, parent of a

child at ACCC, says she is concerned that the timing of the possible changeover could jeopardize her child's placement in a preschool program.

"This should have been done a long time ago, so everyone could prepare," she says. "There was never a dialogue with all the parties, and right now, we don't know what the future is."

PA spokeswoman Sharon Britton says the decision to open up the day-care program to competitive bidding is part of a 1996 Strategic Plan to evaluate all the services offered at the school. She adds that parents will not have short notice of any change.

The school has hired three child-care industry experts to help it develop a request for proposals (RFP) to be issued in January.

The visiting committee of advisers includes Jim Morin, an executive at the Harvard School of Law child-care center; Darrah Callahan, a Ph.D. in curriculum instruction and early childhood education who served in the U.S. Army; and Gail Gettens, director of the Children's Learning Center at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H.

Proposals will be due by February 15, and school administrators expect to decide on a candidate by March 31, Britton says.

"Day-care centers typically firm up their enrollments in April for the following school year. With our proposed RFP time line, we will be able to notify parents in April what program will be offered in July," Britton says, adding that day care will continue to be offered for both PA families and for children from the community in July.

She also says the decision to put the contract out to bid was not due to any dissatisfaction with the current child-care services.

Balboni says ACCC plans to bid on the contract, to continue their services there.

"It's been a wonderful experience. We have a commitment to the parents and children, and looking back on history, we're grateful to Phillips for this opportunity," Balboni says.

Community Day Care runs a system of child-care centers and early childhood programs in Greater Lawrence, and the Community Day Charter School in Lawrence.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Greatest story — Participants in the St. Augustine's Children's Pageant this week included John Baroni as Joseph; Katie Morris as Mary; Robert Morris as the Baby Jesus; Katy McLaughlin as the Angel Gabriel; Lindsey and Emily Round and Melissa Pennington as the Littlest Angels; and Martin Serna, Luke Percival and Greg Pennington as the Three Kings.



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Downtown dilemmas

There are a number of good reasons why Andover is such a desirable place to live. People come here, and stay here, because it is a good place to raise and educate children, because it is close to thousands of jobs and major transportation arteries, because it has a relatively low crime rate, and because it is a delightful mix of cosmopolitan variety.

Another good reason is because Andover has a downtown that is among the best in New England — filled with charm, vitality and practicality.

But the downtown, like those across the country, is a fragile thing. For it to survive and thrive takes wisdom, foresight, planning and coordination, not to mention money.

So Planning Board members deserve thanks for scheduling a series of hearings on what the community's vision is for the downtown, and how to get there.

They also deserve participation, and it was good to see that they got a fair amount of it a week ago, when the first hearing took place.

But that is hardly the end of the discussion. There will be plenty of chances next year for residents to be heard on any issue they like. Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller has promised that the hearings coming up will be devoted specifically to individual issues: parking, ambiance, zoning, neighborhood impact, the streetscape and possible expansion of the central business district.

Of those, probably the most radical would be the last of those topics — to extend what is known as the "downtown" from Main Street itself down into the Essex Street, Railroad Avenue, Lupine Road area.

It might make the downtown a bit less quaint. But as former Planning Board chairman Hooks Johnston says, the town itself has grown dramatically over the past 15 years, while the downtown has not.

So, the topics are on the table. The hearings are coming up. Those interested in the health of the downtown (and there are plenty who say they are) should make it a point to be heard.

Because there is only so much that hearings, discussions and tinkering can do. By this time next year, the talk should be over, and the action should be under way.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Building a wall — Victor Labrie, 70, has been working on a stone wall along North Main Street next to the Lanam Club, since last August. When does he expect to finish? "I'm 70 years old, and I hope to finish this project before I die, he says. Labrie will also be doing the walls behind the Lanam property.

'Tis the season to catalog Christmas



Taylor Armerding

Dear extended network of acquaintances:

Sorry for being a bit late to sit down and tell you about my great 1998, which of course was better than 1997, which of course was better than 1996. Things just keep getting better, you know.

But there was this little interruption in my constant progression toward the betterment of myself and those around me. I have to admit that for a while, I really didn't have control of every element of my life.

Quite simply, I was drowning. Drowning in catalogs.

Sounds silly, I suspect. But it started so slowly, the way most of these things do. I began with just an occasional purchase by mail a few years ago, and thought it was a convenient way to acquire more material possessions. No driving, no fighting with crowds. And I could get shirts exactly in my size, without having to paw through an entire rack.

It went on that way at first, with no big problem. Sure, the people would always send a catalog along with the order, but it didn't really get in the way.

But then, within just a few months, I started getting catalogs from people I'd never ordered anything from. Companies I'd never even heard of. "How did they get my name?" I wondered.

Just because I ordered a compost bin from some garden outfit four years ago, what's up with this Alsto's Handy Helpers catalog, with practical products for my home, yard and garden?

Just because I ordered a couple of shirts from Land's End, how did Coldwater Creek think of sending me a fat booklet full of dresses and sweaters for women?

Still, I didn't think I needed to do anything about it. "I can stop all this anytime I want," I thought.

Instead, it got even more mysterious. I'd never bought anything kitschy in my life. But there in my mailbox (along with a couple of other slick booklets) was a catalog called Casual Living, asking me if I wanted some Nativity Quilted Accessories for Christmas. Or maybe a Christmas tie. How about a T-shirt that says "Age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill." Or even worse, a pair of flannel pajamas, imprinted with the financial pages of

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And that was only the start. A trickle of kitsch became an avalanche.

I finally came to my senses and tried to stop it. I wrote to a couple of these outfits. "I am not interested in your products," I said. "I will not buy any of them. You are wasting your money mailing things to me. Please stop."

I think they had somebody reading their mail who had dropped out of the local bilingual class, who translated it, "I am interested in all your products. Please put me on every mailing list you can think of."

I don't know Miles Kimball, but he has a door knocker with my name on it, right on the cover of his catalog. He has a million things I don't want, including a "sensor candle" that is marked as a special value.

I don't decorate the outside of my house for Christmas. I don't put wreaths on the door. I wouldn't think of putting one on the front of my car, lest Neil Fater make fun of me. I'm one of those cool people who puts only a single candle in each window, so that I avoid garish displays and my home gives off nothing but an understated glow.

Yet my Improvements catalog screams at me that it has all of those garish things, plus "everything you need to make holiday decorating

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Letters

Are we our own worst enemies?

Editor, Townsman:

The public hearing sponsored by the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency at the North Andover Middle School on Dec. 15 produced a very interesting spectacle.

A well-organized group of mostly North Andover citizens, acting under the banner of the Clean Water Action Alliance of Massachusetts, presented a strong political action response to the Environmental Review Board's detailed explanation of its review of the Holt Road incinerator plant's application for renewal of its operating license.

Their message to the board was loud and clear: "We do not want the Holt Road incinerator to continue operation beyond its present license." Their reasons:

1. The two other trash-burning facilities located nearby already place an abnormal burden on the air quality of the Lower Merrimack Valley without the fallout from the 1,200 tons of trash incinerated daily at Holt Road.

2. The amount of pollution already entrapped in local water and soil exceeds acceptable levels and, in fact, are injurious to our health through locally produced vegetables, meat and fish.

This puts the Department of the Environment, particularly the Review Board, in the middle. Apparently, current laws of the Commonwealth do not protect against any total concentration of pollutants from multiple stacks located within a specified area; nor do they

mandate controls over cumulative accumulations of pollutants in bodies of water or soil.

It appears that the board's mission is limited to setting standards and controlling emissions from individual stacks. If this is true there is a big job ahead to move our Legislature to corrective action.

There is another facet to the total problem, and it was raised by the board. Pollution from trash burning is but a small fraction of the total sources of pollution of our air.

I am reminded of Pogo's pronouncement, "We have met the enemy, and they are us."

1. Our personal vehicles are the greatest source of air pollution. An idling vehicle produces 17 times the pollution as when driving. SUVs produce more pollution than cars. There are far more opportunities to car pool. Our mothers or grandmothers walked a mile or more to the village center for groceries, why not us?

2. The Styrofoam trays used to package our groceries are a major source of dioxin. They've been outlawed in Europe. Why not here? We need much better laws to control the input to our trash and to our air.

A hundred or more local people supported the Clean Water Action activists last Tuesday. There will be the opportunity to add your support when they approach the Legislature. That support will be important to you and our kids.

Norman J. Viehmann
35 Lucerne Drive

'Main Street' walk is truly special

Editor, Townsman:

During the recent Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Andover High School class of 1968 celebrated their 30th reunion. We scheduled a host of activities as part of our 30th reunion weekend.

One truly special event was held at the Andover Historical Society during the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 28. We were treated to a nostalgic, visual, walk down "Main Street" of our home town. The tour captured multiple time periods, and included historical footnotes and wonderful anecdotes about our town.

I strongly urge other Andover High School class reunion organizers to contact the Andover Historical Society to plan an event that will expose their classmates to this outstanding museum and tribute to our community; "Main Street, Now and Then."

The Andover Historical Society should be extremely proud of the museum and its collection. My fellow classmates were impressed with the extensive collection, and the presentation of items and works that are, or were, a part of the special town in which we grew up together.

The Andover Historical Society has contributed to the successful creation of a poignant, living monument representing "Our Classic Little Community."

Steven N. Gesing, president
Andover High School
Class of 1968

Catalog Christmas ...

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quick and easy!" And of course, if I'm not interested in that, it also has things like a magnetic base for my flashlight, to keep it pointed in the right direction. I never knew I needed one of those.

I haven't even managed to finish raising my kids yet. But Gifts for Grandkids is already here to make it easy for me to plan ahead. Probably they got my name from the same people who gave it to the AARP.

It went on and on. I was courted by the Kensington Collection, seduced by Eddie Bauer. The Oriental Trading Company misses me, even though I've never bought anything from them in my life.

Plow and Hearth thinks I'm one of those people who wants to make believe I live in the country, that my Christmas tree is outdoors, trimmed with berries, fruits and cones, covered with a delicate, fluffy layer of snow. They want me to think that a four-point buck, a turkey, a grouse and a rabbit are all just hanging out beside the tree, waiting for me to take their picture, and that an owl is up in tree winking at the whole scene, instead of flying down to tear the rabbit to pieces.

Norm Thompson wants to help me escape from the ordinary. Wireless promises that if I order right now, I won't have to pay anything until next February.

Hold Everything wants me to redo my bathroom. Actually, they want me to redo my closets, and every other room in the house. They want me to have all new hand-

carved wooden hangers. Kitchen & Home wants me to, well, redo my kitchen and home.

William-Sonoma wants me to have all new plates, new wine glasses, a new caviar spoon, bowls, cups, knives, pots and pans ... I had never known it was even possible to own so much stuff.

By late October, it had gotten beyond my control. There were five, six, sometimes 10 catalogs in the mailbox every day. I stuck them in a corner of the kitchen. "Things can't keep up like this," I thought.

It didn't. It got worse.

I finally had to be rescued by my psychiatric social workers, who contracted with the local rubbish disposal company and the hazardous waste division of the state to conduct a Super-Fund cleanup. I would have taken pictures, but they sent me to the Happy Acres retreat center for a few days, just to help me reconnect with reality.

I'm taking it day by day now. My fingers still twitch a bit when I think about 800 numbers. I still call the members of my 12-step support group before I go out to the mailbox. But I finally have enough room cleared to write the Christmas letter.

Unfortunately, I've run out of time and space. I guess you'll have to wait until next year to hear about my unending accomplishments. Try not to be too brokenhearted.

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at
tarmerding@andovertownsman.com



Party time

Photos by Carol Van Doren

Let's be jolly — At the Mother Connection Christmas party last Friday, (above) Alexa, 2, Brianne, 4, Joseph, four months, and mom Debbie Rockwell checked out the sweets table. Debbie is the special events coordinator for the organization. At right, Melissa Cronin, 4, works on a Christmas ornament. Her mom, Brenda Cronin, is president of the Mother Connection.



Senior center ...

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ity of the board.

Selectmen Chairman Bill Downs, Lori Becker and Larry Larsen voted Monday against the board putting an article on the warrant. With only Selectmen Brian Major and John Hess supporting the idea, the vote failed.

But the failure came as no surprise, considering selectmen's comments about the idea in recent weeks. ("Seniors clash with selectmen over center, *Townsmen*, Dec. 17.)

"It's just exactly what I expected," says Dorothy Bresnahan, Council on Aging president. "It's been obvious from the beginning that certain members don't support it, but I do thank Brian for trying and John for trying."

Seniors say they will raise the \$4 million needed to renovate Williams Hall, and they want the town to lease Will Hall for one dollar per year for the first 30 years. After 30 years, Phillips could reclaim the building, or rent it to the town for half the going

rate at that time.

The majority of the money used to investigate sites for a new center has come from \$500,000

approved by residents at the 1996 Town Meeting. That was supposed to jump start fund raising, but seniors say once a location is selected they will then be able to raise the millions needed for the renovation.

"We have a doable, short-term, fund-raising plan," Bresnahan told selectmen Monday. "(And) the Friends will provide capital funding in perpetuity."

But Downs and Becker remain opposed to leasing a building at all, and the current 30-year lease offer is not nearly long enough for Larsen.



Downs, Becker, Larsen — No, no and no again on a lease of Williams Hall.



"It's important to point out that it's not just seniors working on this," says Jeanne Madden, Council on Aging president. "There are people on the committees who will be using the center in the future. Everybody's trying real hard."

At Monday's meeting, Major had to push real hard just to get a vote on the issue. Although Downs and Becker sought to delay it, Major said the seniors needed to know if the selectmen were against the article so they could have time to prepare a citizen article.

"They need to know how to proceed in drafting the article," agreed Hess. "It is time-sensitive in that sense."

"I have no problem voting on this motion. I'm not going to support it, but I'll vote," said Larsen.

Despite Monday's vote, Madden says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski will continue negotiating a lease with Phillips. She says the specifics of the potential lease agreement will be ready for Town Meeting.

"I feel they never should have been allowed to get to this point. The town should have taken a leadership role," says Larsen. "I personally will not approve it. I think it's tragic... but I, for one, will not have a part in this."

Selectmen also told seniors' representatives their opinions earlier this fall, but seniors groups favor the Will Hall option and have recommended it anyway. It's downtown location is one of its most attractive qualities to them.



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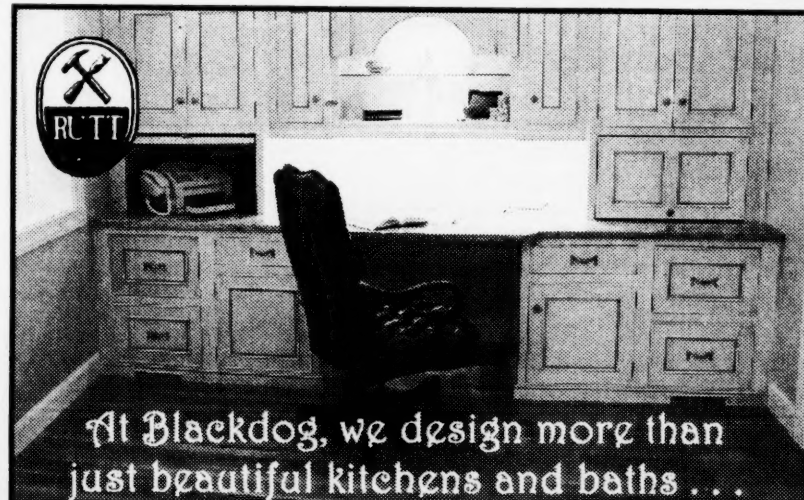
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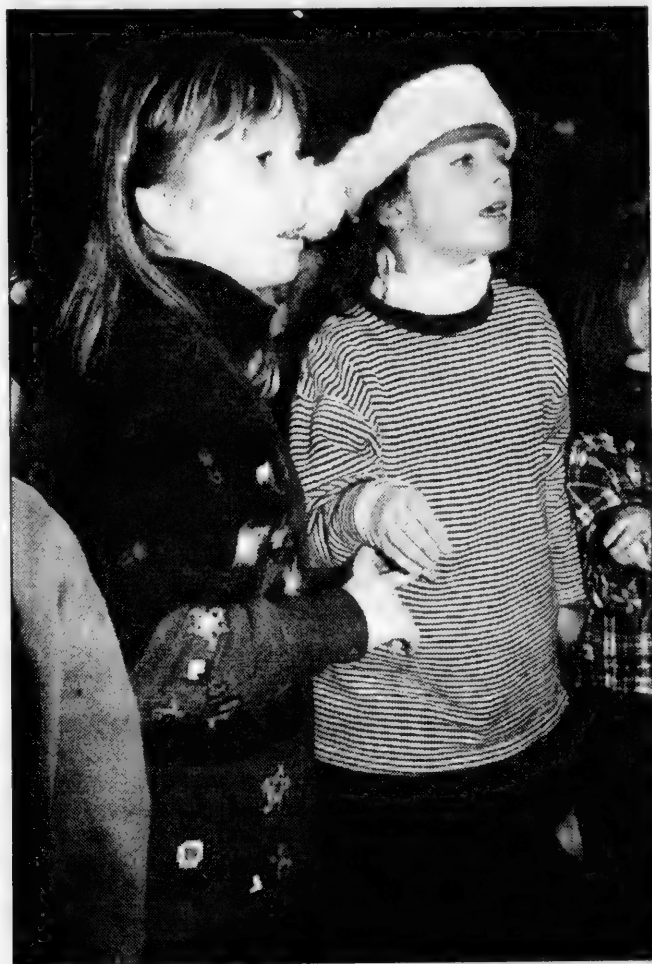
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Students at the Bancroft School sang songs of Christmas together Wednesday morning in the Media Center. Left, Caroline Columbo and Molly Corcoran sing along. Right, students from every grade (kindergarten through sixth grade) gather under the direction of music teacher Susan Sepich.

Special needs students fare well, but weary, in first round of MCAS testing

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Andover students with disabilities fared better on MCAS tests than many such students statewide, but the test still took a toll on them, principals say.

State education administrators are planning to create an MCAS test specifically for students with disabilities within the next two years, but last year, all Andover students in fourth, eighth and tenth grade took the same tests.

The state released the first round of MCAS results in early December, and included results for students with disabilities, or students who are assigned an IEP (individualized education plan) in the public schools.

The state allowed schools to make various accommodations for students depending on their disability, such as providing copies of the test in large print, taking the test in small groups, or allowing a student to use a scribe (give the answer to someone who would write it down) on portions of the test that were not writing tests.

Vicki Simms, principal of West Middle School, says she suspects varied interpretations of what the state would allow made for inconsistent testing statewide, and she isn't sure how it would affect test scores.

While all students with or without IEP plans were allowed an indefinite amount of time to complete the tests, students could only take so much testing, principals say.

Simms says her students scored better on the first test they were given than they did on those that came later.

"The length of time is problematic," Simms says.

Many principals and teachers administering the tests to all students say test fatigue was high, particularly in fourth grade.

Norah McCarthy, principal of the Bancroft Elementary School, says the tests may have done more harm than good for special education students.

"To put them through that was indeed an exercise in frustration, and in opposition to everything we try to

do. We have to be very careful with our expectations, so we're not setting them up," she says.

Sondra Finegold, a special education teacher at West Elementary School, says her students worked hard on the tests.

"I was exceptionally proud. They took it very seriously," she says, adding that none of the students in her class failed the tests, despite the fact that many had not been taught some of the material on which they were tested.

Pupil Personnel Director Dr. Cheri Webb, head of special education programs, says her department is in the process of analyzing the data, and is not prepared to make any judgments on the results.

West Elementary School Principal Charlie Friel says he doesn't believe the tests in their current form are a fair assessment of the abilities of special needs students.

Of the 31 special needs students who

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Middle schoolers, show your stuff

Middle School students from all over Andover are invited to participate in or come to view a night of entertainment at the Memorial Hall Library Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

The library and Doherty Middle School PAC will co-sponsor a "Sing Alone or Sing Along" for all public and private Andover middle school students.

The event will include refreshments and door prizes. It's the first in a series of social programs designed for middleschoolers through the youth outreach program at Memorial Hall Library.

Admission is free.

West Middle School, Doherty Middle School, St. Augustine's and Pike School students, and any other middle-school aged children in Andover are invited to participate says Janis Hill of the Doherty PAC.

Anyone interested in performing a solo singing act, a lip sync or performance with a group should pick up an entry form at the library or their school.

MCAS results for students with disabilities

Failing Needs Improvement Proficient Advanced	English					Math					Science/Technology				
	No. of Students tested	F	NI	P	A	No. of Students tested	F	NI	P	A	No. of Students tested	F	NI	P	A
Grade 4															
Bancroft	12	3	9	0	0	12	5	5	2	0	12	4	4	4	0
South	11	0	9	2	0	11	2	6	1	2	11	2	5	4	0
West El	31	9	20	2	0	31	6	22	2	1	31	5	18	7	1
Andover	63	14	45	4	0	63	14	37	8	4	63	11	32	19	1
State	11,782	5,118	6,347	314	3	11,935	5,470	4,997	1,178	290	11,934	3,204	5,966	2,594	170
Grade 8															
Doherty	35	5	17	13	0	35	14	11	9	1	35	11	15	8	1
W. Middle	36	5	20	11	0	36	21	7	5	3	36	20	9	5	2
Andover	71	10	37	24	0	71	35	18	14	4	71	31	24	13	3
State	10,292	4,591	4,197	1,495	9	10,371	8,233	1,518	537	83	10,371	8,233	1,518	537	83
Grade 10															
AHS	32	17	9	6	0	32	25	5	1	1	32	17	13	2	0
State	7,892	5,250	2,115	513	14	7,960	6,967	717	235	41	7,964	56,77	1,964	318	5

About this chart

Sanborn School results were not included on the chart. Nine fourth-grade students with special needs at Sanborn took the MCAS tests, but the number of students tested was too low to be included in state reports, says Principal Dr. Jade Reitman. Andover results are system-wide results for that grade.

MCAS results

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took the English/Language Arts test at West Elementary, nine failed. But the same students took the Iowa reading test the previous year, and all passed, Friel says.

"There is not a single child in

third grade at a level of literacy that couldn't pick up a newspaper and get meaning out of it," Friel says.

Principal Eileen Woods says the success of the special needs students at South School is likely due to the staff's commitment to working with students on their individual learning styles.

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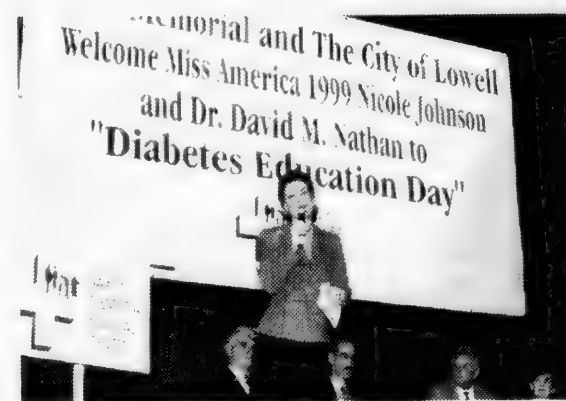
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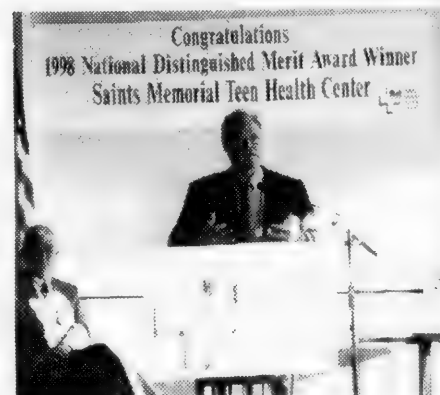
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Students named to first-term honor roll at West Middle School

The following students have been named to the honor roll for the first term at West Middle School.

Grade 6

High honors: Samuel Michael Adams, Samantha Berger, Koren Lee Betty, Katherine Emily Bickling, Andrew L. Boudreau, S. James Boumil III, Hannah Caitlin Brady, Daniel Joseph Brennan, Luke J. Bryden, Stephen T. Chang, Roopa L. Chari, Amanda Chomicz, Monica Chung, Elana Cogliano, Danielle Susan Cohen, Andrea Coiro, Erin K. Coleman, Lindsay Davidson, Jennifer Marie Davis, Alexander John Day, Caitlin Marie Delaney, Jennifer J. Dlesk, Ryan G. Felden, Robert William Fleming, Heather Leigh Flemming, Erica Ginsberg, Katie Jill Gladstein, Elena Greenspan, Emily Austin Griswold, Lauren Marie Grobicki, Douglas Heath, Richard Matthew Hennessy, Brian Hsieh, Timothy Craig Hughes, Christina Jane Hung, John M. Iannelli, Michael John Kasianchuk, Erin M. Korte, Daniel Leclerc, Skye Mackay, Garrison W. Macomber, Jessica Magnan, Jeffrey B.

Maguire, Hallie Abigail Martin, Rithika Mathias, Brittany D. Moriarty, Jacqueline Munro, Allison Phyllis Nill, Brendan K. O'Connell, Vanessa Pacholok, Jennifer Palermo, Louis Anthony Peracchi, Jeremy Scott Peterman, Kristen Marie Pinksten, Ayesha Riaz Rabbani, Daniel P. Ravens, Jodi Sara Richard, Erin Suzanne Saunders, Davis James Devine Schirmer, Carolyn Sebasky, Jessie Dewell Shields, Andrew Nianwei Shu, Elissa Slovin, Gina M. Tassinari, Laura Ann Taylor, Angela Eleanor Tenney, Matthew Teperow, Pardeep Singh Thandi, Kevin S. Thompson, Caitlin M. Toland, Alice Jayne Trageser, Whitney Anne Upton, Joshua M. Weiner, Dorothea Jean Wood, Joshua M. Wood, Paul Edward Yu.

Honors: Anson C. Adams, Michael Bill, William Borden, Nicholas Caro, Richard M. Corbin, Jessica Lynne Decristofaro, Olivia Dougherty, Courtney Dynes, Lauren Katherine Elias, Courtney Ellison, Caryn Espy, Mark R. Farnham, Oriana Federico, Erik Christopher Fosse, Lauren Freedman, Stephen C.

Games, David Alexander Gardner, Eric Benjamin Ginsberg, Erica Godek, Monica Nicole Goldblatt, Sarah Goldstein, Zachary Gostanian, Gabriel E. Greeley, James F. Grieve, John L. Hamilton, Meghan Harrington, Jennifer A. Henry, Alysa Jennifer Holber, Steven R. Hunt, Meredith D. Hutchins, Matthew Joseph Iorio, Caitlyn R. Jackson, Vasilios M. Kostakis, Michael Lattari, Sunny Lee, Kyle Scott Mackenzie, Kara F. McCall, Meredith Lappin Mooney, Jaime Lazerson Morocco, James G. Muller, Joseph Augustine Murphy III, Katherine Mary Nichols, Ian O'Connor, Matthew Orenberg, Kelly Ann Perkal, Ryan Shreve Philpott, Alexandru Pisc, Anthony Paul Prochilo, Derek Proctor, Claudia R. Rosenblatt, Zachary Sandman, Micaela M. Smith, Samuel P. Spector, Paige Stevens, Mark Swoboda, Peter Vachon, Leslie Joanna Willey, Stephanie Wong.

Elizabeth Brintz, Christina Annmarie Casey, Alison Caverly, Melissa Cerullo, Elizabeth Daly, Kathryn Donoghue, Jason Durant, Ryan W. Durkin, Elizabeth Dwulet, Michelle Anne Easton, Jason Edelstein, James Joseph Feigenbaum, Giancarlo Fusco, Danielle Ganek, Michael Philip Gibson, Joshua Ginsberg, Ariel Gold, Loyal Marie Hanna, Sarah Kimball Hansen, Ryan Harb, Rane Alexander Harrison, Lauren Mae Hayes, Andrew Hempstead, David Nathan Holstein, Jessica Huang, Meredith Anne Johnson, Daniel Jun, Catherine M. Kaczynski, Jamie Kapelson, Jacob Kleinman, Stamatia Kostakis, Ryan William Kurkul, Laura M. Lamonagne, Avi Lasser, Megan B. Lewis, Abraham K. Lipton, Lindsey Susan Marsh, Sarah Nadine Martin, Ashley Margaret McLaughlin, Ian David McMahon, Brian Patrick McPartland, Christine Marie McSweeney, Marianne Murphy, Kyle Patrick Nally, Jennifer Nisco, Hassina Noury, Natasha Rebecca Pakravan, Andrea Pereira, Holly Peterson, Courtney Reed, Stephen Daniel Renfro, Daniel Rosensweig, Stephen Russell,

Maria Savoca, Meredith Schmidt, David Maxwell Sheldon, Amy Elizabeth Stewart, Amy Swoboda, Carly Therkelsen, Lindsey B. Timko, Lynette Toomey, Alyssa Evans Traub, Christopher Smith Travers, Lauren M. Vieira, Brittany Wadbrook, Kelly Anne Wise, Shirley Yacubowicz, Amy Yang, Katherine V. Yao, Christopher Scott Zonghetti.

Honors: Rachel Ann Adams, Michael Almon, David Baletsa, Patrick Joseph Barry, James Bauer, Laura E. Berger, Rachel Bolster, Carolyn Ciampa, Toby Michael Cohen, Andrew Lee Collier, Joseph K. Conley, Elizabeth Crowley, Sean W. Cummings, Jonathan De Leo, Christopher Mark Delorenzo, Ryan Denning Desmond, Adam Dolan, Kelly Duncan, Ash Edmonds, Daniel Ashmore Eskin, Casey Frost, Caroline Rose Gaimari, Elisa Giordano, Luis Albert Gonzalez, Nicholas Halks, Eric Handstad, Jonathan David Hosmer, Scott J. Kahan, Jeffrey Kane, Nia Koch, Jaclyn Leahy, Kristina Elaine Levis, Jarrett Mackin, Heather Ann Maloney, Melissa Martin, Alexandra Jane Miliotis, Arianna Rae Miliotis, Carolyn

Grade 7

High honors: Ashley Nicole Beaucaire, Alyssa Lauren Bindman, Tracy Black, Benjamin Jacob Bloom, Neil Brahma, Carrie

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The AHA will mail pre-applications upon request to disabled or handicapped individuals who are unable to pick up the form because of their disabilities.

For a pre-application to be eligible for the LOTTERY it must be received in the Andover Housing Authority Office at **100 MORTON STREET, ANDOVER** no later than **TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1999 AT 3:00PM OR BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THAT DATE**. Pre-applications received after that date, will not be accepted. **BE SURE TO MAIL YOUR COMPLETED PRE-APPLICATION TO 100 MORTON STREET, ANDOVER.**

The public LOTTERY will be held at 10:00 am on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1999** in the **AHA tenant Council Office at 41 Chestnut Court** for pre-applications received by the January 5, 1999 deadline. At that time, 250 pre-applications will be drawn. Within two weeks of the LOTTERY the AHA will mail all persons whose names are drawn in the LOTTERY, a standard application to complete and return. Completed applications, will be ranked according to preferences and priorities and given a place on the waiting list.



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From building aircraft to designing part of the Central Artery project: Fall grants awarded by the Andover Fund for Education

AFE awards seven grants to public school teachers for projects

By Kate Margolese

The Andover Fund for Education has announced the recipients of its fall grants. Cheryl Scammell of West Elementary, Maura Bresnahan of Shawsheen, Kerry Costello of the Pupil Personnel Office, Robert Bachmann of Doherty Middle School, Joanna Del-Monaco and Peter Hall of the high school and Garth McKinney of South Elementary will receive funds for projects they developed to enhance the curriculums of their respective schools. All seven grants this fall are Geraldine Lederfine Memorial Grants.

Cheryl Scammell is expanding her innovative Bag O' Books program to include two more grade 2 classrooms. A themed book bag with a coordinated activity is sent home with each child every other week. The student presents the results of their activity to the class.

The Shawsheen School will expand its authoring center to include in-house publishing and new writing resources for the students. Maura Bresnahan's project "Authors, INK" helps children gain an appreciation for books and reading as they write and pub-

lish paperbacks and hardcover books.

Again this year, Andover public schools will participate in Read Across America Day with visits from the Cat in the Hat and activities to celebrate the joy of reading. Kerry Costello says they will expand the event this year based on last year's overwhelming success.

If learning about the challenges of flight is your passion, then Robert Bachmann's "Delta Challenge" is the activity you should look for, if you are a stu-

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West Middle School students named to first-term honor roll

Miller, Kaitlyn Millerick, Tara Mohan, Margaret Anne Murphy, Laurie Nelson, Todd Strong Nordblom, John Quinn, Daniel Righter, Brittany Roy, Michael S. Shafik, Christina Rose Shanahan, Julia Shin, Michael Shyu, Michael D. Sierra, Andrew J. Smith, Matthew Stavropoulos, Anatoli Tomaszczuk, Benjamin Tomaszewski.

Grade 8

High honors: Brian Alberico, Kristina Laura Araujo, Crystal Bates, Kelly Kendrick Beatty, Brittany Suzanne Birrell, Anna A. Bogdanova, Katherine Lindsay Cail, Julie M. Chan, John Andrew

Christopher, Jeremy David Cohen, Jacquelyn McLean Collins, Demorie Ann Crawford, Dianna Catherine Crawford, Cameron Duncan Day, Katherine Dlesk, Monika Eghbalian, Natalia Berni Federico, Rebecca Drummond Fink, Heather Jaclyn Finn, Meredith Fish, Shannon E. Fox, Daniela Fusco, Caitlin Margaret Geary, Laila Hakam, Thomas Eliot Holber, Jenicka Horning, David Hsu, Jessica Hsu, Priti Kapoor, Melissa Anne Kasparian, Mihir Kedia, Bristol E. Konjoian, Vaughan E. Mackenzie, Kaitlin J. Maguire, Rohit Malhotra, Jonathan David Malis, Gregory Martin, Audrey Matthews, Anne Car-

olin McDonough, Greg Parker McKallagat, Dana Medaglio, Emily Anne Morrison, Jenny Ann Muller, Mary Claire Olsheskie, Eileen Lenore Parsons, Emily Pearson, Rachel Rapp, Emily Reber, Katherine Regnier, Christopher L. Renfro, Lindsey D. Retelle, Simon David Ribner, Cory Rillahan, Matthew Alexander Rouse, Lindsey Blair Saunders, Marianne S. Shafik, Jamie Katherine Singelais, Jeffrey Clark Smidt, Arianne Spool, Cynthia Tang, Kaylan Elizabeth Tildsley, Duy D. Tran, Deanna Cynthia Vasilakis, Andrew Pierce Wuehrmann.

Honors: Jennifer L. Bausemer, Meryl Leigh Berger, Rana

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SCHOOLTALK

The Andover Board of Selectmen honored Eileen Woods, South Elementary principal on Monday, Nov. 30, for being selected Principal of the Year from Massachusetts.

Woods was presented with a bouquet and described the significance of her "Bell of Education" award, which she received in Washington, D.C.

The New England Aquarium will award Shannon Cooney of Shawsheen School a family membership for a year in connection with the Health Education Department's sponsorship of Olivia's Healthy Bones Program in the Andover Public Schools. Olivia the Octopus recently visited students at Shawsheen



From left are Claudia Bach, superintendent of schools; Principal Eileen Woods, honoree; and Buzz Stapczynski, town manager. Woods was honored by the town for being selected Principal of the Year.

and West Elementary schools as part of The Medical Information Group's Healthy Children - Healthy World series of health and life-science programs.

The Healthy Bones Program teaches the relationship of nutrition, exercise, and pos-

ture to bone health. Components of the program consist of *A Kid's Book About Healthy Bones*, a 32-page activity/coloring book; *Olivia's Adventures: Journey to the World of Healthy Habits*, which tells the story of a field trip to

◀ Pictured at left is Shannon Cooney, along with her health coach, Olivia the Octopus. Shannon is in Nancy Ghiradini's second grade class at Shawsheen School.

Ready to present slides of their countries, AFS foreign students Christian Eidem of Norway (left) and Brian Hai Chi of China. ▶



Eric Nadworny, School Committee chairman; Jerry Silverman, former selectman; Eileen Woods, South School principal; Claudia Bach, superintendent; and Tina Girdwood, School Committee member and past chairwoman.

Massachusetts General Hospital to learn about how bones grow; and a *Passport to Good*

Health, which encourages the development of healthy habits over a month-long period.

Olivia, who has no bones, acts as a health coach in her lively presentations, designed to help students develop their own customized Healthy Bones habits.

The American Field Service Club (AFS) of Andover recently held its annual international dinner, a buffet of ethnic dishes and desserts served by adult board members. The evening's highlight was slides and presentations by foreign

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SCHOOL TALK

students and local high school students who have traveled abroad under the auspices of AFS.

This year's AFS foreign students were introduced to guests: **Heikki Henttu** (Finland), hosted by the **Dana Cohen** family of Blackberry Lane; **Brian Hai Chi** (China), hosted by **Marcia Anderson** and **Jackie Empey** of 187 Andover St.; and **Christian Eidem** (Norway), hosted by the **Robert Mossitt** family of 127 Argilla Road. For more information on AFS and its foreign exchange programs, call 458-0175.

To the delight of many children over the years, **Santa Harold Keegan** paid his 30th visit to **St. Robert's Country Day School** at its annual Saturday Morning with Santa.

Keegan is the husband of the school's co-founder and first director, **Helén Keegan**, who retired in 1992 after 25 years of service.

Pam Galvin assumed the directorship after 14 years on the school's teaching staff. As an approved parish school, the ultimate responsibility



◀ **Tracy Callahan of David Drive, with daughter, Shannon, 4, at St. Robert's Country Day School's 30th annual "Morning with Santa" earlier this month. Mom Tracy visited with this very same Santa, Harold Keegan, 25 years ago as a student at the school.**

for its functions rests with the executive director, **Father Arthur Driscoll**.

"Morning with Santa" is the school's largest annual fundraiser. While Santa was the main attraction, other features included the Confetti Kids, a raffle of more than 80 items, a silent auction (which included a night at Boston Copley Place), and plenty of holiday treats.

It's not often students are able to visit with a famous author, especially one who is no longer alive. **Charles Dickens**, portrayed by actor **Kenneth Brooke**, made such a visit to **Doherty Middle School** last week. The students, dressed in Victorian attire, were captivated by the authenticity of the one-man show.

Brooke opened with a speech Dickens made to the citizens of Boston who treated the author as a celebrity in 1842. He then transformed the seventh-graders into classmates of one of



◀ **Charles Dickens, portrayed by actor Kenneth Brooke, made a recent visit to Doherty Middle School.**

LOCAL SCHOLARS

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers announced that 10 students from Andover are among the 250 students to achieve academic honors for the first quarter of the 1998-99 academic year.

Kellen John Moriarty '02 was named to the headmaster's list. Students must achieve grades of 90 percent or higher in all courses to qualify for the headmaster's list.

Sean T. Carlson '01, **Patrick B. Clark '99**, **Daniel C. Coleman '00**, **Jarrod C. Connors '99**, **Brendan G. Griffin '01**, **Nicholas R. Hankey '00**, **David L. Kidd '99**, **R. Scott Lundgren '02**,

and **James McDuff McCarthy '02** were named to the honor roll. The honor roll requires that all grades must be 85 percent or higher.

Anne Marie E. Felago of Andover, a senior at **Bishop Fenwick High School** in Peabody, was named to the first honors roll for the first quarter.

Nicholas Pritchard of Andover, a sophomore at **Minuteman Regional High School** in Lexington, earned high honors for the first marking period.

Dickens' characters, **Nicholas Nickleby**. In their wretched boarding school, they were insulted and mistreated by the harsh tongue of the schoolmaster, a situation commonly found in the schools of Victorian England and one which Dickens used as the backdrop for his social commentary.

As the Artful Dodger, the master thief from Dickens' novel, **Oliver Twist**, Brooke taught the street urchins the art of pick-pocketing.

Brooke, a native of England, is a teacher in the Chelmsford school district and enjoys portraying **Charles Dickens** and his characters in his spare time. During the holiday season, he has appeared on Saturdays at **Faneuil Hall**, performing **A Christmas Carol**.

The **South School Community Services Committee** along with **South School families** took part in an annual gift-giving drive.

AFE awards seven grants ...

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dent at **Doherty Middle School** that is. This science project was named for two distinct aspects of flying about which the students will learn. Each student builds, flies and analyzes a flying machine that is both a rocket and a delta wing aircraft.

Joanna DelMonaco will bring her business experience to the classroom, or rather her high school classroom to the business place. In her **Central Artery Precalculus Project**, students will design a roadway section of the **Central Artery Project** in Boston. They will get a chance to take a site tour of the real-life project, to see calculus in action.

Also at **Andover High School**, **Peter Hall** will lead his **Spanish V** students in learning Spanish and sharing stories with kindergarten classes.

Spanish V students are visiting the **Tarbox School** in Lawrence, where the high school seniors share original children's stories they have written and illustrated in class. In addition, the students will participate in the **Spanish bowl** sponsored by the **Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative**.

Garth McKinney's fourth-grade class at **South Elementary** will expand their **Animal Studies** unit with enrichment materials including activities, books, videos and pre/post-testing materials.

The **Andover Fund for Education** is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 to support Andover's public schools. Twice a year the group disburses grants to Andover teachers for innovative projects that are beyond the scope of the school budget.

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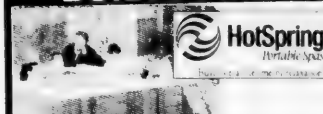
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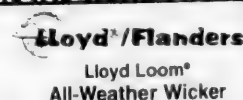
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News

Helpers ...

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good following," says Amy Sebell, of Temple Emanuel.

Together with Carol Silver and Sandy Mareno, Sebell is coordinating volunteers from Andover and North Andover to visit Wingate and Academy Manor nursing homes in Andover, and additional facilities in other towns.

"We've pretty much decided to do nursing homes, because a lot of these folks don't get a lot of company and are very lonely," says Sebell. "Some (volunteers) have actually used this to introduce their children to something they carry over into the new year. It's not a one-shot deal."

Another nice Christmas story is that off-duty firefighters will again take over the meals-on-wheels program, and bring hot food to homebound elderly on Christmas Day.

But for those who have to work, the holiday can lose some of its charm. Christmas Eve sometimes proves to be a busy night, either because of tree fires or because of the use of candles, says Fire Chief Harold Wright. In 1996, there was a house fire on Lucerne Drive after a defective cable box faltered and set a nearby tree ablaze.

However, most of the Christmas work comes from ambulance calls. The combination of increased stress and increased alcohol consumption can lead to trouble, says Wright.

"This is when the stress of the holiday takes over. It's not uncommon for there to be a rash of domestics on Christmas Eve," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "When Bob Cronin and I were partners a few years ago, we went to a house. The Christmas tree and its lights and everything came through the front door and landed on the front lawn."

"On another occasion, someone had thrown a turkey at another party because they had a dispute about the fixings," he says.

Obviously, such displays don't help improve the already lowered spirits of those who have to work that day.

"It does make it difficult. But policing doesn't stop because it's a holiday," says Pattullo, who figures he worked 15 Christmas Eves in a row at one point. "There are still accidents, there's still crime."

In fact the combination of drinking, frantic shopping and



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

On the job — Public safety doesn't stop at Christmas, as firefighters Keith Weightman, Al Deldotto, John McMullen, John Hines, Mike Surette, Jim Landry, Bruce Belbin and Bob Salisbury all know.

the money problems caused by holiday shopping can make the season a time of frequent accidents.

"And you hate to write people up for tickets that day, because you hate to ruin the spirit," says Lt. Arthur Ricci.

Ricci and other long-time police officers say working at Christmas is the worst part of their job, in part because it's so hard on their families. The holidays can lose their meaning for those who have to work them year after year after year, says Lt. Richard Enos. But officers still try to keep a stiff upper lip about their duty.

"I guess it goes with the territory. Sometimes you just have to grin and bear it. Fortunately I'll be off at 8 a.m. this Christmas so I'll be able to enjoy the day," says Sgt. Henry Picard, who figures he's worked about half of the last 27 Christmases.

And some in town do what they can to keep the spirit alive even for those officers who are working.

"We have a very large number of caring people who always are dropping off cards or a box of chocolates or are baking things," says Enos. "We've been blessed in town to have so many caring



No holidays — Police Sgt. Dennis Hashem and Dispatcher Joe Znamierowski will be working Christmas Day. They and others who perform critical functions say they know it's all part of the job.

people who understand."

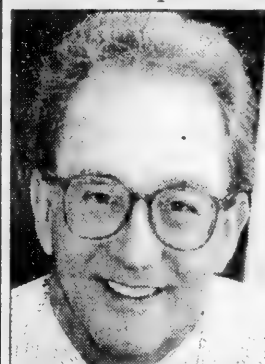
Speaking of being blessed, there are a number of people who actually enjoy working on Christmas Eve. Sister Therese and Sister Mary of the Sisters of St. Clare on River Road, who will see their River Road chapel at its fullest for their Christmas Eve Mass, are among those religious people looking forward to the celebration.

"For us, Christmas is a very spiritual occasion," says Sister Therese. "We have more singing. It's more festive. We accent the spiritual."

Second use of '84 bylaw Planners approve condo complex

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A bylaw approved in 1984 to encourage developers to build something other than large, single-family homes was used for the first time this week, as Planning Board members approved a new condominium complex at the Andover Country Club.



Colyer — Not run-of-the-mill.

The planners awarded Yvon Cormier Construction Company a special permit under the multi-family attached cluster bylaw to build the 36-unit complex to be named "Eagles Place."

"These are not going to be run-of-the-mill condos," says Planning Director Steve Colyer.

While similar plans have been proposed almost annually for the past 10 years, this one is the second to be approved under the bylaw, Colyer says.

Since the multi-family attached cluster bylaw was adopted in 1984, the only other project approved by the board was never built, Colyer says.

Eagles Place would consist of 11 separate buildings — eight buildings of three units each and four buildings of four units each.

Of the 36 units, 30 will be built as two bedroom units, and six as three-bedroom units, according to local planners.

The development is slated for a 1,200-foot length of Bobby Jones Drive off Andover Country Club Lane near Beacon Street.

Since it will consist of mostly two-bedroom units, they are geared toward empty-nesters more than families with children, and will have less impact on the school system than single-family homes, Colyer says.

Residents of the complex will pay for private trash pickup and for road and utility maintenance.

The plan is unusual because it includes three kinds of open space within its gates, Colyer says. Each unit would have a "limited common area" or private backyard space of between 1,235 to 1,851 square feet.

Other open space in the development includes areas around and between the buildings known as "common common area" to be shared by all condominium owners, and a 12-acre "restricted common area" of golf fairways.

The plan met with no public opposition, Colyer says.

The bylaw was adopted to encourage diversity in housing stock, Colyer says, but was unpopular with developers because density bonuses, or the number of units one could build in certain spaces, were too restrictive.

"It really wasn't worth it if (one) could just build a single-family home," Colyer says.

Before the bylaw was passed, a condominium-type development would only be allowed in areas zoned for apartment buildings, all of which are full, Colyer says.

Safety ...

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ing of some land," says Wright.

He also believes Andover must quickly build a new North Main Street center, because the architects say the deck holding the fire apparatus may be structurally questionable.

"Is that deck going to be good for another year, two years, or a month? Right now we don't know," says Wright.

Putting all the vehicles at the Ballardvale and West Andover sites would put the downtown at risk, he adds.

"I think the timing becomes a problem, along with the operations of the fire department. I can't have the central area of the town covered by the satellite systems. That leaves a problem with response time for the downtown," he says.

Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities director, has pitched building a new structure in the town yard behind the current center. This would keep the temporary fire station downtown, and leave Piantedosi with more room for his department when the firefighters are done with the new structure.

But having emergency equipment in the town yard, down the steep hill of Lewis Street could pose a serious problem during inclement weather.

"That hill's definitely an issue," says Wright. "We'd try to work it so we'd move down in the spring after the last snowflake falls, according to Bob McQuade's judgment, and come out

Chiefs: We've cut all we can from new center

Andover's police and fire chiefs have cut as much as they can from their proposed new downtown safety center, and what is left has a price tag of about \$12.5 million.

"I think the majority of the board (of selectmen) is in favor of it. There's some concern about whether it would require a debt exemption override," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. "We've cut as much as we think we can, but the program remains the same. We didn't come to this with (an attitude of), 'Let's make the program larger so when they cut it we'll be OK.'"

The new design would have five bays for fire equipment instead of six. This change would allow for a public entrance off North Main Street to remain. A sixth bay would have forced the lone entrance to come from smaller Pearson Street.

The town will also eliminate a fourth floor by putting a firing range in the basement of the proposed facility.

Other older, cost-saving changes include changing the design of the shared training facility, eliminating a vehicle maintenance garage, and shrinking the size of several rooms for superior officers. ("Paring down the proposed public safety center," *Townsmen*, Nov. 26.)

"You folks have really shown concern in trying to bring our interests into your programs," said Selectman Brian Major to the chiefs at Monday's selectmen's meeting.

"We'll look for your support at Town Meeting," one of them responded.

"We'll see at Town Meeting," said Chairman Bill Downs, himself a former fire chief.

Downs and Selectman Larry Larsen favor renovating and

adding to the existing center, but Larsen says he will stop belaboring that point. Architects have told the chiefs such work would be about as expensive as building new.

The chiefs say the floor of the garage holding the fire equipment is one of many areas in such bad shape that it is not worth trying to renovate. Architects are concerned that salt water from the trucks has damaged the steel holding up the floor.

"I can't decide why they haven't been shut down, considering the problem," said Larsen.

"Shhhh," whispered John Hess.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said the reason the existing bays can still be used is because the heaviest vehicles are not allowed in certain areas.

Selectmen were also critical of the aesthetics of the proposed building, but the chiefs say it's too early to begin serious discussions about what the outside of the building will look like.

Some cost reduction ideas rejected by town officials include:

- lining the outside with cinderblock instead of brick;
- putting dorm rooms for fire fighters on a second floor; and
- building a flat roof.

"Any architect who works in this area and designs a flat roof, maybe should be looking for another profession," said Downs.

Wright said putting the dorm rooms on a separate floor from the fire equipment could lead to injuries as the firefighters rush to handle emergencies.

— Neil Fater

before the first flake of the fall comes down. I'll trust it to (McQuade) as much as I would the old *Farmers' Almanac*."

If the fire department does temporarily relocate to the town yard, Andover would need to move its traffic light that allows fire vehicles to enter North Main Street and speed to emergencies.

The town has also considered putting temporary fire facilities at the football field parking lot on Red Spring Road, and is hoping a garage in the downtown area is offered for rent. The cost of renting or building temporary facilities has not been released at this time.

"We don't have a firm number on that,

however we can save some money if we can move the fire department completely off site. That will shorten the time frame of the project," Piantedosi told selectmen Monday.

Wright says both a trailer for personnel and space for vehicles will be needed while the new center is being built.

DANA to local officials: Spend more on sidewalks

By Neil Fater

By the year 2000, Andover officials may walk the walk when it comes to fixing the town's sidewalks.

Pushed by the Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association (DANA) to spend more than the current \$400,000 per year on sidewalk repair, officials say Andover may do so by the turn of the millennium.

Public Works Director Bob McQuade says the town has focused on street repairs in recent years, spending about \$1 million per year on its roads. But he said at a selectmen's meeting recently that his department will soon turn some of that financial attention to DANA's favorite subject.

"I think we're just a year or so away," says McQuade.

But because DANA and McQuade have worked together and agreed on a prioritized list of what sidewalks should be repaired, DANA doesn't want to see this project pushed to the side any longer.

"I'd like the town to put it down in writing

and say this is our plan," says Tom Cody, a DANA member and Chestnut Street resident.

In its fall newsletter, DANA contends it will take until 2011 to fix dangerous sidewalks if the town continues to spend just \$400,000 annually. DANA wants to see \$300,000 spent annually on maintenance and \$600,000 spent on upgrading existing and building new sidewalks.

"It's been a source of frustration for us, because we've had a lot of verbal support from town government, but we've

had no advocates to champion this project in town government," says Cody. "What we need, in my opinion, is someone to take the bull by the horns in town government."

"There are some champions of sidewalks and I've been one of the consistent ones," says Selectmen Larry Larsen. "I must say I've had more breakfasts with (DANA member Harry)

Voorhees than I have with

my wife."

Sidewalk supporters say a lack of sidewalks on some downtown streets makes travel unsafe for children and adults alike, and uneven or broken sidewalks are a hazard to the elderly and disabled.

"It is kind of unsafe," says Denis Ryan, another DANA member. "It's not just that we want sidewalks in front of our houses. It's bigger than that."



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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Dec. 17 - At 7:47 a.m., Stacey A. Giles, 29, of 64 Harold Parker Road, Andover, was arrested on Stevens Street and charged on a warrant.

At 6:40 p.m., Craig J. Skinner, 35, of 207 Bailey St., Lawrence, was arrested on Route 125 and charged with a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol and with failing to keep right.

Friday, Dec. 18 - At 2:12 p.m., Kevin A. Baxley, 22, of 13 Haverhill St., Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged with illegally possessing a Class D substance, carrying a dangerous weapon, speeding, driving a car with defective equipment after his license had been suspended and impeding operation of a vehicle.

At 7:56 p.m., Christopher Hennington, 25, of 222 Andover St., North Andover, was arrested on Beacon Street and charged with illegal possession of a Class D substance. Kimberly McKew, 19, of 402

Boxford St., North Andover, was also arrested and charged with being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol.

Saturday, Dec. 19 - At 7:11 a.m., Julio Luis Cruz, 21, of 10 Currier St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving without a license and speeding.

At 11:01 a.m., after a man reported he was assaulted by a resident near the power lines on River Road, Stephen J. Repoza, 33, of 20 Amici Way, Andover, was arrested and charged with assault and battery and unarmed robbery.

At 4:05 p.m., after a motor vehicle stop on Stevens Street, Manuel Guillen, 29, of 231 Water St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license.

At 9:54 p.m., Eduardo A. Ortega, 19, of 105 Coolidge St., Lawrence, was arrested on Chandler Road and charged with illegal possession of a

Class D substance.

At 10:51 p.m., Christopher P. Haley, 24, of 147 Ware St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant for fines due.

Sunday, Dec. 20 - At 1:57 a.m., Daniel T. Tanner, 19, 175 North Main St., Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a red light violation.

At 3:06 a.m., after a Ramada Inn employee reported an unconscious person in a car in the parking lot, with the car running, Jon Smart, 29, of 3 Continental Blvd., Rochester, N.H., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

At 4:26 p.m., after a Marshalls employee reported an alleged woman shoplifter being detained, Daysi Santana, 29, 156 Franklin St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with shoplifting or transportation of merchandise.

Monday, Dec. 21 - At 9:41 a.m., Mario R. Sousa, 38, of 147 Lawrence St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with illegal possession

of a Class B substance.

At noon, Christina Rodriguez, 17, of 162 Margin St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with illegal possession of a Class B substance. Angelo Joaquin, 24, of 89 Sunset Ave., Lawrence, was also arrested and charged with illegal possession of both a Class B and a Class D substance.

At 3:49 p.m., Maristella M. Frisch, 20, 27A Meadow Rd., Leominster, was arrested on Main Street and charged with shoplifting or concealing merchandise.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - At 1:01 p.m., a condominium employee on Colonial Drive reported someone "dumping items into their dumpster without their permission." An officer reported the person lives at the complex and had permission.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - At 9:57 a.m., a Sagamore Drive resident reported "a suspicious white van that had been parked in front of her house with a male occupant talking on a cell phone for more than

five minutes." The caller said that when she approached the subject and asked what he was doing, he told her "it was none of her business." The man was gone by the time an officer arrived.

Friday, Dec. 18 - At 9:39 a.m., a Lowell Junction Road business employee reported being slapped by another employee. He wanted to see an officer.

At 6:07 p.m., a woman reported her ex-husband appeared to be intoxicated and was driving. A sergeant reported the man was not intoxicated, but would have someone pick him up to avoid any problem.

At 11:29 p.m., an officer was to file on furniture that was stolen from the Marriott about 10 minutes ago and had been located in a vehicle in the parking lot. An officer spoke with the owner of the vehicle "and it was some of his workers playing a joke and security was fine with that."

Sunday, Dec. 20 - At 12:18 a.m., a Boston woman called to report that when she left West Elementary earlier that night she had left her pocket-book on top of her car. An officer checked the area without success.

Monday, Dec. 21 - At 1:05 p.m., a female came into the station to report missing jewelry sometime between Aug. 28 and Aug. 29, near the Andover Inn.

At 7:02 p.m., an Andover mother reported problems with her teen-age son, and wanted to get a restraining order.

BREAKS

Sunday, Dec. 20 - At 8:12 a.m., an Iron Gate Road resident reported a male had just broken into his garage through a window, after ringing the doorbell. The man left in a burgundy-colored vehicle. A detective reported the male may have been cut by the glass.

Monday, Dec. 21 - At 11:11 a.m., an officer was to file on a break on Gradall Lane.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - At 12:58 p.m., a caller reported a black handbag on the ice near the Stevens Street bridge. An officer retrieved the bag, which belonged to a woman whose pocket book had been taken when her car window was smashed the night of Dec. 15, at West Middle School.

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Neil Fater



A very Andover Xmas

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(Away from the high school and out of selectmen's lives.)

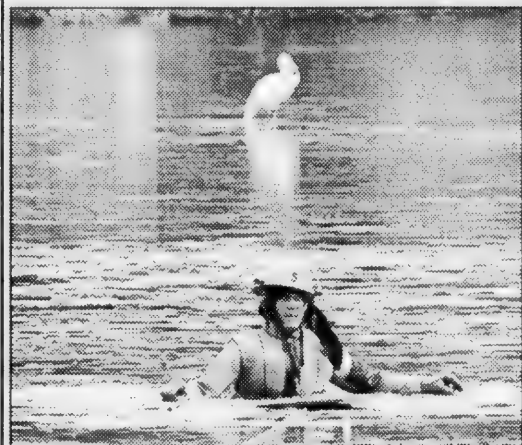
11 sewer lines piping,
(For South Main Street.)

10 kids-a-sleeping,
(Makes putting those toys together so much easier.)

Nine seniors dancing,
(Because they get a new center.)

Eight crooks caught bilking,
(By all those new Andover officers.)

Seven swans-a-swimming,
(Instead of stuck in the ice a la December, 1994, below.)



File photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Six boards delaying,
(Some things never change.)

Five golden zings,
(Hey, I'm a reporter.)

Four AVIS birds,
(Assuming developers leave some land.)

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(For sports fans.)

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(Undisturbed by school construction, of course.)

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Happy holidays, everyone.

*It's the night before Christmas and all through the room,
there's a sense that your holiday could use some new zoom.
So before you or your children are nestled in bed,
here's some new*

Holiday stories you'll be happy you've read

By Neil Fater

For many families, Christmas Eve wouldn't be the same without a roaring fire and a fiery reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

But for those who want to add to their Yuletide tradition, or who want to try something new, there are a number of relatively new holiday books that bring home the magic and/or meaning of Christmas.

Best:

A Small Miracle, by Peter Collington should be at the top of everyone's list.

The somewhat serious 1997 story is at turns touching, wonderfully drawn, occasionally funny, truly surprising and even spiritual.

There is no text, nor any need for it. The illustrations hit all the right notes, making the book appropriate for both adults and children.

A Small Miracle is about a poor woman who, because she has no cash at Christmas time, goes into town and tries playing music on the streets for money.

When this fails, she sells her beloved accordion — only to have the dough immediately stolen by a moped-riding thief.

When the woman sees the same man stealing from a church she manages to stop him, but it appears that her struggles have become too much for her. Then the tale takes a surprising, wonderful turn you'd never expect.

Suffice it to say the holy family plays Santa for the woman.

And the real small miracle of Collington's story is that he successfully gives back to the holy family the magical, giving image that Santa has usurped over the years.

I like everything about this book.

Another winner, geared for the kiddies, is *How Santa Got His Job*, written by Stephen Krensky and illustrated by S. D. Schindler.

The book shows Santa as a young man who is looking for a job. He tries to be a chimney sweep, but keeps himself so clean that everybody thinks he must be goofing off. So he's fired.

Later, he tries his luck as a zoo keeper, but shows favoritism for the reindeer and is laid off. You get the idea. The increasingly larger Santa tries a number of professions, none of them quite right for him.

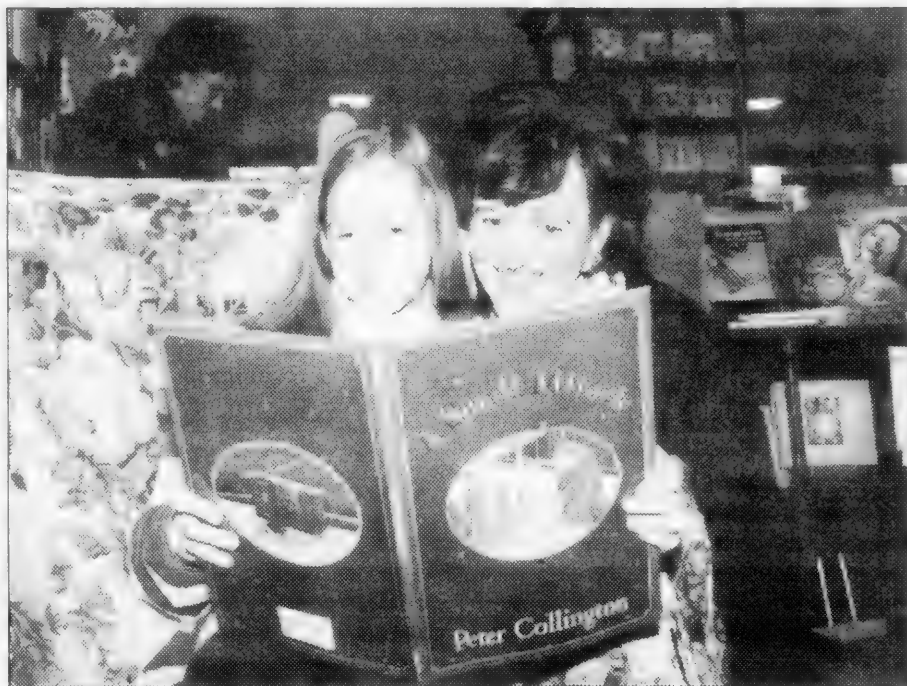


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Picture perfect — Alexandra Fey, a fourth-grade student, and her mom Sue Ellen Fey, both of Andover, check out the picture book *A Small Miracle*.

However, in the end, it's learned that they all helped him to be prepared for the job the job of his dreams — being a delivery man for magic elves.

It's a story about perseverance, sure, but mostly it seems like the type of story kids will just enjoy.

Plus, it might help parents explain how Santa can eat all those cookies and deliver all those presents every year.

He's a former cook and mail carrier. Didn't you know that?



Hired gun — Santa, before his Christmas ties.

Humorous:

Olive, the Other Reindeer by Vivian Walsh and J. Otto Seibold, comes complete with quirky illustrations and an amusing concept.

Olive is actually a dog. But when

she hears the line "all of the other reindeer..." from a song about Rudolph, Olive figures the singers are saying, "Olive, the other reindeer."

Cursed with a dog's brain, she decides that she must be a reindeer, and takes off for the North Pole to help Santa. In the end she does.

It being so busy and all there at the North Pole, I'm not sure if anyone ever gets around to telling Olive she's a dog.

Religious:

For those seeking a less secular celebration, there's *The Christmas Story*, with text from the King James Bible, and lavish paintings by Gennady Spirin.

The Donkey's Dream, by Barbara Helen Berger, is chock full of symbolism. It's a story about the daydreaming donkey that carries Mary through the desert during the time of her pregnancy.

Popular:

The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg, is a book that's gained widespread popularity over the years, according to Andover Bookstore's Susan Lenoe, who helped guide us to the selected books in this story.

Polar Express is about a child who boards a dreamtime locomotive bound

(ALL ABOUT EVE READING, continued on page 20)

'Jewish Presence' present 'til 1999

The Jewish Presence in Lawrence: 1880 to 1990, the Immigrant City Archives' exhibit at Lawrence Heritage State Park, has been extended through the month of December.

The exhibit includes stories of some of Andover's Jewish families and congregations who have roots in Lawrence.

Several Andover residents helped organize the show and gather the artifacts. Temple Emanuel and Congregation Tifereth Israel, which both began in Lawrence, loaned items which reflect the congregations' histories.

The exhibit can be viewed at Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (except Christmas Day). The exhibit is free and fully accessible.

For more information, call 794-1655 or 686-9230.

All aboard for a quick tour of Xmas delights

(ALL ABOUT EVE READING continued from page 21) for the North Pole.

There, the boy receives a Christmas bell, that carries with it the magic of the season.



Polarized - It's a quick fix for some people's holiday jones.

Movies:

When it comes to Christmas movies, there's a reason why the classics are considered classics. Mostly it's because the typical holiday movies are so bad.

But, as long as you're human, one viewing of *It's a Wonderful Life* and/or *A Christmas Story* should be enough to shoot your Scrooge out.

For an alternative video you may not have seen, Andover Video provided *The House without a Christmas Tree*, a 1972 made-for-CBS movie.

Keeping in mind the genre, it's not a bad flick. But viewers should know, it's not exactly a full-blown happy holiday tale. It's a pretty realistic look at a man learning to accept that Christmas is still Christmas for his daughter, even though his wife is no longer alive.

Surprisingly, however, it's the relation-

ship between the daughter and her grandmother that steals the show.

As for cartoons and claymation, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* is a no-brainer, and the Charlie Brown Christmas show is one of the better Peanuts snacks.

Classic claymation like *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, or *The Year Without a Santa Claus* is a must, but avoid at all costs *Christmas in July*, which is touted as featuring Frosty and Rudolph.

The movie begins with Rudolph lighting his nose for Frosty's kids. But his nose starts to go out. The big question, of course, is why.

And for the answer you have to sit through some long, ridiculous mythology tale that's so convoluted you wish Zeus would just take a lightning bolt to it.

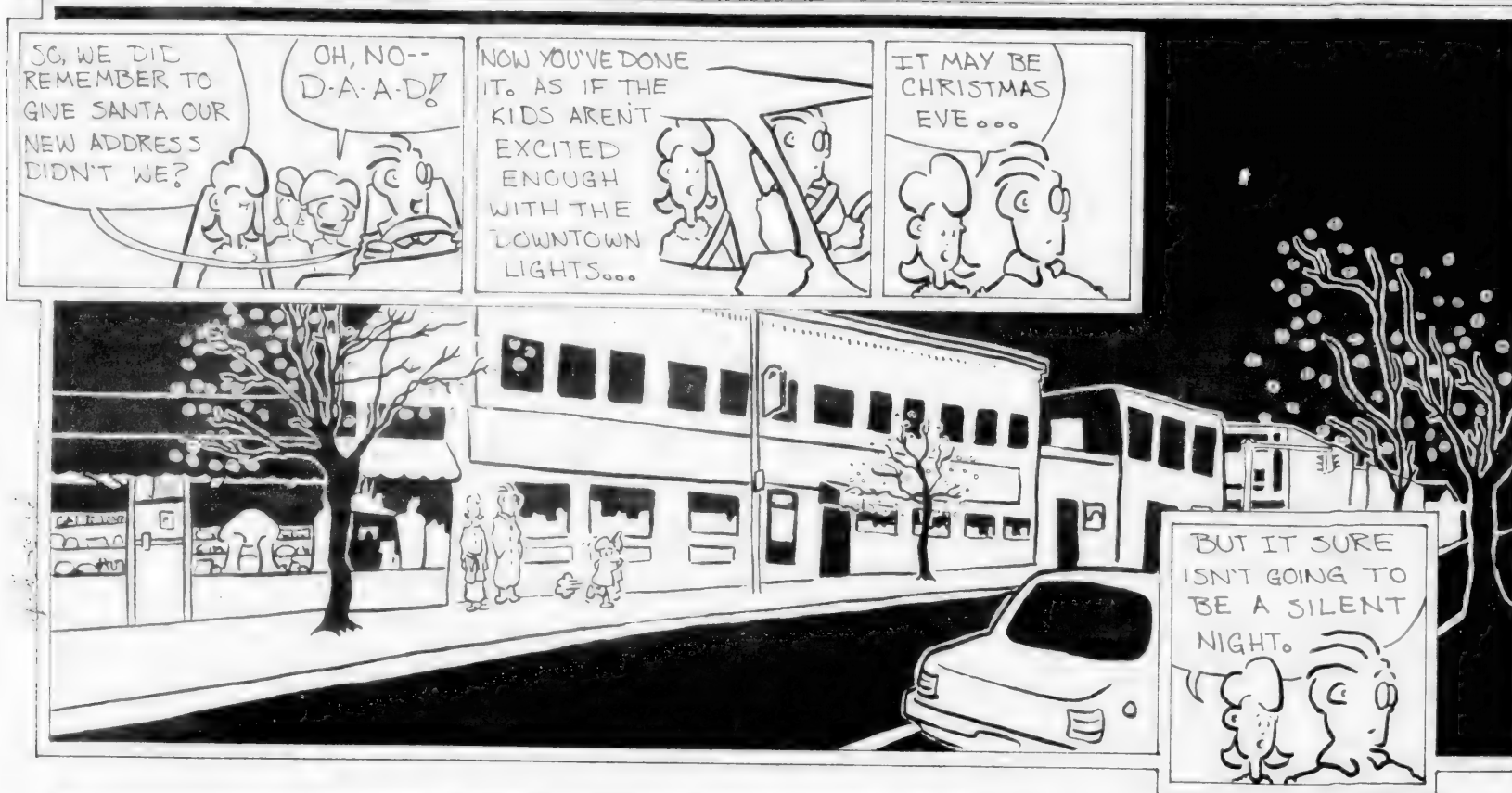
The writer tries to tie together every claymation adventure ever told.

It feels like one of those sitcom episodes where the writers were stuck, so they just have the characters remember things that have already happened to them.

Fortunately, you don't have to let this movie happen to you.

ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Dec. 24

Best of Boston Comedy, 8 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

FRIDAY, Dec. 25

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Jim Lauletta, Bob Seibel, Jay Rodriguez, 9 p.m., River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 25.

Comedy Escape, featuring John David, Jim Fronk, Mike Cote, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12 cover charge, The China

Blossom, junction Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Cinderella, presented by Andover Puppet Theatre, 1 p.m., \$6, \$8, \$10, Grill 93 Restaurant, River Road; 1-888-865-3844.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27

Auditions, sponsored by Amesbury Playhouse for *Rumors*, major roles for men ages 30-40, 6 p.m., 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

TUESDAY, Dec. 29

Jazz at Casa Vecchia, featuring vocalist Lisa Thorson with the Dave Pietro Quartet, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

Children's workshops, sponsored by North Andover Historical Society, "Create a Copy Book" and "Write with History," children ages 7-10, 10 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m., \$6 per workshop, \$10 both workshops, members, \$8, \$14, nonmembers; 153 Academy Road, North Andover; 686-4035.

THURSDAY, Dec. 31

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Frank Santorelli, Jim McCue, Patrice O'Neal, hypnotist, *Joey and Maria's Wedding*, 9 p.m. see entry under Friday, Dec. 25.

FRIDAY, Jan. 1

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Larry Myles, Carl Yard, David Russo, see entry under Friday, Dec. 25.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Larry Myles, Carl Yard, David Russo, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, Dec. 25.

SUNDAY, Jan. 3

Comedy Palace at the Grill 93, featuring Jim McCue, cover charge \$8, see Friday, Dec. 25 entry. **Auditions**, sponsored by Colonial Chorus Players of Reading for *Annie*, 3 p.m., children, 7 p.m. adults,

The Old Hose House, 1249 Main St., Reading; (781) 944-9780 or Tom Coffin (781) 245-1488.

ONGOING

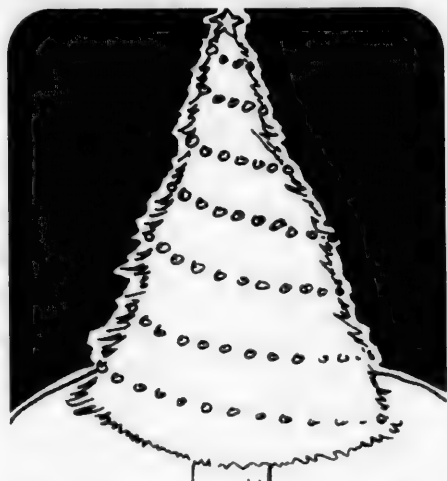
Support Groups (partial listing)
Widowed Persons Service, an all-volunteers organization co-sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, seeking men and women of all ages who have been widowed at least 18 months for its training program; Lori Maguire 475-5556.
Young Widows and Widowers week-

ly bereavement support, Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., A "moving-on" group for persons widowed longer, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Francine Fuller 475-8186.

Support group meetings, Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network, 70 Butler St., Salem, N.H.: AA, every Saturday 7-8:30 p.m., AA Friendship Line, Derry, N.H. (603) 432-4520.

Support group meetings: Amputees, second Sunday of month, 2-3 p.m.; Lorraine Stevens, (603) 893-2900, ext. 472.

TOWNSMAN TEASER SOLUTION



Q: For Brickstone Properties, finding a big enough tree is this.

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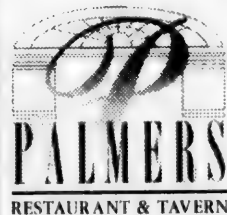
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The Unitarian Universalist Congregation's Youth Group visited the Lawrence YMCA Saturday, Dec. 19, with gifts for 40 needy children. The gifts were collected through the congregation's "Giving Tree," from which members took an ornament and helped fulfill a child's wish by providing the item described on it. Most wishes were for warm hats, mittens, sweaters and bathrobes.



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation's Youth Group

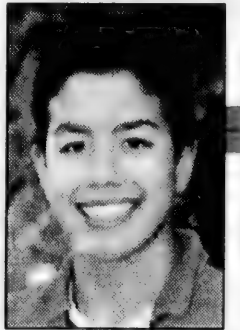
The Andover Community Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

The American Red Cross celebrates

its golden anniversary this year as the nation's first civilian blood program. Organizers ask everyone to help support the American Red Cross in its ongoing effort to supply blood when it's

needed, where it's needed. Blood donations not only save the lives of people faced with life-or-death medical emergencies, but also those who require regular blood transfusions.

Claudia A. Arrigg, served as youth volunteers at the Massachusetts Prevention Center in Lawrence. The boys educated middle schoolers in the Merrimack Valley to raise awareness about diversity in society and the importance of not judging people by their appearance.



Steven A. Koh

They attended the Massachusetts Peer Institute at Wheaton College in August. The Peer Institute, attended by more than 200 peer leaders and their advisers, have trained teen leaders statewide over the past 13 years. This year the youth studied the concept of diversity in group settings and interactive workshops. By acknowledging differences in race, ethnicity, religion, physical and mental disabilities, and other areas the peer leaders returned to their communities with a fuller understanding of diversity and its effect on society.



Daniel A. Koh

To schedule an appointment, call Amy Sebell at 725-5374, Carol Silver at 475-1068, Sandy Moreno at 251-0102, or Marilyn Frank at 475-6031.

Steven A. Koh, 16, and Daniel A. Koh, 13, sons of Dr. Howard K. Koh and Dr.

Openings are available in eight-week free citizenship classes offered through the Lawrence Public Schools' Adult Learning Center at 305 Essex St., Lawrence, on Monday and Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Happy 1st Birthday policy

Babies celebrating their first birthdays, affiliated with Andover, may have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally appear in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a December '98 first birthday will be published in the Dec. 31 issue. All photos must be received by 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28. The *Townsmen* publishes Births on the first Thursday of the month.

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY

~ 1999 key dates ~

ISSUE DATE	PHOTO DEADLINE
Jan. 28, 1999	Jan. 22, 1999
Feb. 25	Feb. 19
Mar. 25	Mar. 19
Apr. 29	Apr. 23
May 27	May 21
June 24	June 18
July 29	July 23
Aug. 26	Aug. 20
Sept. 30	Sept. 24
Oct. 28	Oct. 22
Nov. 24	Nov. 19
Dec. 30	Dec. 23

CHRISTMAS & HANUKKAH SERVICES

Baptist

Andover Baptist Church
7 Central St., Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: 7:30 p.m.
Candlelight service of lessons and carols.

Catholic

St. Augustine Church
43 Essex St., Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: Mass, 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Masses in St. Rita's Hall (lower church), 4:05 p.m., 6:05 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Masses, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
Haggetts Pond Road, Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE, Confessions, 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.
Masses: 4 p.m., Folk group; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30 a.m. Mass, Children's Choir, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
NEW YEAR'S EVE: 7:30 p.m. vigil.
NEW YEAR'S DAY: 9:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Joseph's Church
22 High Vale Lane
Ballardvale

CHRISTMAS EVE: Mass, 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Mass, 10 a.m.

Congregational

Free Christian Church
31 Elm St., Andover
475-0700
CHRISTMAS EVE: 3 p.m. Worship with lessons and carols.
5 p.m. Family celebration with candlelight and carols.

7 p.m. Family celebration with candlelight and carols.
11 p.m. Worship with candlelight, carols and Communion.

Episcopal

Christ Church
25 Central St., Andover
475-0529
CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:30 p.m., Christmas pageant and Holy Communion.
7:30 p.m., Festival Holy Communion with full choir.
10 p.m., Contemplative Holy Communion.

Interdenominational

BrookRidge
15 Haverhill St., Andover
749-3640
CHRISTMAS EVE: 5 p.m., Candlelight service for all ages.

Jewish

Temple Emanuel
7 Haggetts Pond Road
Andover
470-1356
Congregation Tifereth Israel
501 South Main St.
474-0540
FRIDAY: 3:59 p.m., candle lighting.
SATURDAY: 9 a.m., Shabbat service.

Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church
360 S. Main St., Andover
475-4059

Unitarian

Unitarian
Universalist Congregation
in Andover
6 Locke St., Andover
475-4454
CHRISTMAS EVE: 7 p.m. Candlelight service. Readings, meditations, music and singing.

United Church of Christ

South Church
41 Central St., Andover
Rev. Dr. Calvin F. Mutti, Senior pastor
CHRISTMAS EVE: 3 p.m., Service and Carols, candlelight; 5 p.m. Lessons, pageant, carols (nursery care provided); 7 p.m. Simple gifts, a service in the spirit of South Winds; 11 p.m., Traditional midnight service.

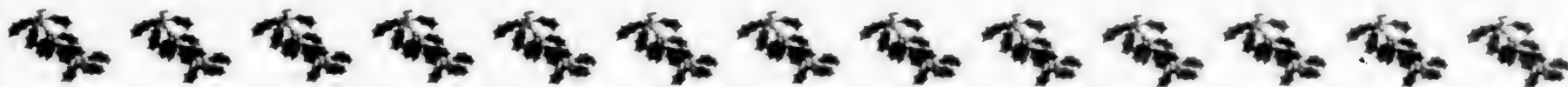
West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road
Andover
475-3528

CHRISTMAS EVE: 7:30 p.m. Candlelight service.
11 p.m., Candlelight service of lessons and carols.

United Methodist

Ballardvale United Church
(United Methodist and United Church of Christ)
23 Clark Road, Andover
475-2506
CHRISTMAS EVE: 7 p.m., Family worship, candlelight service, "The Littlest Shepherd" festive music.
9 p.m., Candlelight Communion, music and Christmas meditation.

Seasons Greetings

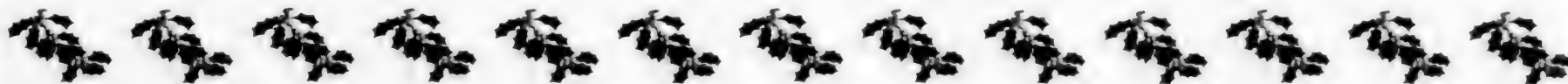


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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

The Senior Center acknowledges Loosigian Farm, Shawshen Village Women's Club, The Spade and Trowel Garden Club, Fred and Mary Arakelian and the Andover Garden

Club for their donations of poinsettias and other Christmas plants that made last week's sale such a success.

Christmas Eve open house

All area seniors, their fami-

lies and friends are invited to drop in at the center this morning, Thursday, Dec. 24, for a Christmas Eve open house from 9 to 11. Breakfast goodies and holiday cheer will be served all morning.

Holiday hours

The Senior Center will close at noon today, Thursday, Dec. 24, and reopen Monday, Dec. 28, at 8 a.m. The center extends its best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday to all.

And the winner is...

Julie Faro, granddaughter of Theresa Burbine, was the winner of the Victorian Santa raffle.

OBITUARIES

Marion L. Farnham Longtime member of Christ Church; past treasurer of Eastern Star

Marion Louise (Panzer) Farnham, 73, of 116 Dascomb Road died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Mrs. Farnham was born and educated in Medford.

She was a dental assistant in Ohio before she became a medical secretary for Dr. William Daly of North Andover.

Mrs. Farnham belonged to Christ Church and was a past treasurer of Eastern Star, Andover Chapter, where she had been a member for 25 years.

She enjoyed knitting, dressmaking and sewing, and was said to be a great cook.

Members of her family include her husband of 52 years, Irving E. Farn-

ham of Andover; son and daughter-in-law, Richard I. and Ellen Marie Farnham of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter and son-in-law, Donna L. and William Scott of New York City; and two grandchildren.

There were no calling hours and services were private. Burial was in Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Hospital Cancer Management Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844; or to American Lung Association, 239 Newburyport Turnpike, Topsfield, MA 01983.

Clifford S. Foote Was a self-employed masonry contractor

Clifford S. Foote, 65, of Andover died Thursday, Dec. 17, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Mr. Foote was born in Melrose.

He served in the U.S. Navy on board the *USS Princeton* during the Korean War.

He was a self-employed masonry contractor until he became ill.

Mr. Foote was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Members of his family include his wife of 43 years, Elaine K. (Hartling) Foote of Andover; sons, Clifford Stephen Foote of Atkinson, N.H., Michael E. Foote of Lawrence, and Timothy A. Foote of Methuen and his wife, Elizabeth Foote; daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn M. and Timothy Heffron of Methuen; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was said Saturday at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association of Essex Co. Branch, 462 Boston St., Suite 7, Topsfield, MA 01983.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy L. Clift, 82

Marion L. Farnham, 73

Clifford S. Foote, 65

Thomas W. Leavitt, 63

Deaths Elsewhere

CLIFT — Dorothy L. Payne Clift, 82, of Weston died Thursday, Dec. 17, at home.

Members of her family include her sisters, Ethel Moriarty and Charlotte Martellini, both of Andover.

LEAVITT — Thomas W. Leavitt of Lawrence, former director of the American Textile Museum and member of St. Matthew Masonic Lodge in Andover, died Monday, Dec. 21, in an auto accident in Boston. He was the author of *The History of the Andover Companies*.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington.

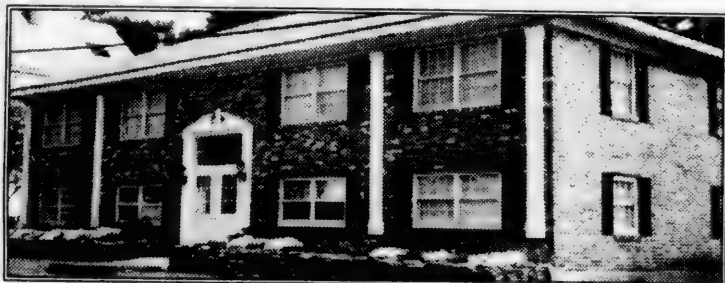
OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge. The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover. Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Armerding at 475-1943.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 years ago

Children while playing knocked over an oil lamp at Mrs. Alia Shea's home on Barnard place, Wednesday evening, causing a slight fire which was extinguished by Frank Morse of the fire department. The damage was small.

The dangerous places in the streets caused by the man-holes and sewer trench mounds have been remedied. The mounds have been leveled as well as could be done now that the ground is frozen. Careful driving now is all that is necessary to avoid accident. The danger was great for some time before anything was done by the sewer contractors to put the streets in proper condition.

The South, Free, and Baptist churches will unite in a conference for the quickening of Christian life, during the second week in January. Meetings will be conducted Jan. 11-13, by Reverend C.I. Schofield, D.D. Dr. Schofield is pastor of the Congregational Church at East Northfield, and of the Mt. Hermon and Northfield Schools. He is in constant request for such meetings as he will conduct here.

Do not fail to see the large osprey or fish-hawk in H.A. Ramsded's window, the large owl in H.F. Chase's shot by Lester Hilton, or the hawk in Allen Bros.' drugstore. Quite an exhibition of birds of prey.

50 years ago

All town departments are now busy preparing their budgets for next year. The Finance Committee has requested that figures for 1949 be presented by the first of the year so that they may be given sufficient study by the committee, before it makes its recommendations. The rising costs of materials, supplies, and other expenses is expected to be reflected in requests for larger appropriations in most departments. The 1948 appropriations totalled \$1,005,593.57, which included a \$4 cost-of-living bonus for all town employees.

The petition of George Hird to enlarge a tea room on Lowell Street, and the peti-

tion of Sam Samels to change a two-apartment house at 39 and 39 1/2 Summer Street into four apartments were taken under advisement by the board of appeals after public hearings Saturday night. Several opponents to both petitions appeared before the board, whose members are: James S. Eastham, chairman, Roy E. Hardy, and Edward P. Hall.

Negotiations are nearing the final stage for the purchase of a new parsonage for the South Congregational Church. The property to be acquired is that owned by George J. Robjant, Elm Street corner of Wolcott Avenue. Mr. Robjant, a member of the South Church, is expected to move in the spring to a new home on Beacon Street, West Parish. The Elm Street property is a two-and-a-half story building containing more than twelve rooms and a large playroom in the basement. It is expected South Church will take possession about March 1. The Committee representing the church consists of Roy E. Hardy, chairman, Thaxter Eaton, Clifford E. Marshall and Edmond E. Hamond. The committee for three and a half years has been looking for an adequate parsonage and feels that a most desirable location has been obtained. The Rev. Mr. Noss, pastor of the South Church, with Mrs. Noss and their three daughters, are now living in 29 Bartlet Street.

25 years ago

A proposed 25 acre "parking lot" off Route 93 in the River Road area has Andover selectmen concerned. The proposed rest stop area appeared before the selectmen Monday night in a memo from Town Manager J. Maynard Austin, who said that he had heard about the proposal and checked it out with state department of public works officials. Austin said that in talking with state officials he learned that the proposal is not a new one, that a rest area with sanitary facilities etc., had been planned by the state for some time, but never funded. Funds are now apparently available, Austin advised. Selectman Alan F. French expressed his opposition to the matter strongly noting that he felt Andover had been

more than lenient in its contribution to state highway plans, the town being bisected by Route 93 and 495 with incumbent loss of considerable acreage. A particular critic of regional plans, French emphasized that he felt Andover's contribution on behalf of the region in a highway system was quite sufficient without the added loss of 25 acres for a parking lot. He felt this was once Andover should be strong in a single voice of opposition.

Seems a shame to even mention it prior to the Christmas holiday, but on the basis of being forewarned, the town will pick up discarded Christmas trees this year. The trees may be picked up at the curb with the regular weekly red bag refuse pickup schedule. The contractor has agreed to pick up the trees along with its regular route. As for the sanitary landfill site on Chandler Road, it will be open on Wednesday, January 2 for the regular afternoon hours and on Saturday, January 5 all day, then will be closed until the spring. Town Manager J. Maynard Austin reports that the former dump site is being closed since the type of materials that can be deposited there, grass, leaves, etc., are not available during the winter. The men at the landfill site can thus be better utilized in other departments until the spring.

Central purchasing will be instituted for the town and school departments beginning with the fiscal year which starts July 1, 1974. The selectmen Monday night instructed the town manager to proceed with a plan to be worked out between he and Supt. of Schools Kenneth R. Seifert to "implement provisions of the town manager charter," with reference to centralized purchasing. The plan has been under study for some time and the subject of meetings between the selectmen and school authorities. The town manager charter, adopted by the town in 1958, provides for the town manager to be the purchasing authority for the town, inclusive of school materials with the exception of such items as text books. In the past, approaches have been made to combine the purchasing duties of town and school departments.

10 years ago

A partnership school between West Elementary and Shawsheen Schools will not be the solution to the space problem at the Shawsheen Early Childhood Center, say School Committee members. The partnership school proposal — the recommended solution for the 1989-90 school year — was shot down by committee members at their meeting Tuesday night. Committee Chairman Donald Robb was not very enthusiastic about a program that only works between Shawsheen and West Elementary. The program would have housed a combination of kindergarten and first-grade classes at Shawsheen. And West would have picked up two kindergarten classes in addition to the existing grades one to five.

When the accidents at Bartlet and Chestnut streets rose from three to eight in a year's time, police took notice. When that number skyrocketed to 22 through 10 months, Chief James Johnson took action. After listening to Chief Johnson describe the dangers of the intersection, the Board of Selectmen voted to make the intersection a four-way stop and eliminate parking spaces adjacent to the intersection. The problem to be solved is that cars can't see traffic until they are halfway into the intersection. Vehicles that are driving down Chestnut Street have a

"clear tunnel of vision" to the spotlight at Chestnut and Main Street. Johnson says cars are just flying through this intersection. The department's research showed more accidents at the peak commuter hours of noon, 2, 4, and 5 p.m. Town Manager Kenneth Mahony backed the stop as a way to control speed. From this, the selectmen quickly decided to make it a four-way stop as well as cut back on five parking spaces.

A local church and business are teaming up to help the victims of an Andover fire. Ballardvale United Church has established the Smeltzer Family Fire Fund through Andover Savings Bank for William and Gladys Smeltzer of Woburn Street, whose house caught fire Monday morning. The two-alarm fire required three engines, one from all three stations. The cause of the fire is under investigation and damage to the home was "heavy," according to the fire report. The damage is so extensive that the couple cannot live in the home in which they have resided for 48 years. They have moved next door to stay with their daughter and son-in-law, Joan and David Ferris, until their home is repaired. In the meantime, those wishing to help the Smeltzer family may contribute to the fund.

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Business

Business briefs ...

Trerotola named to NECC Foundation Board

Greg Trerotola, of Andover, chief executive officer of Pen-tucket Medical Associates (PMA), has been appointed to the Northern Essex Community College Foundation Board.

Trerotola, who began as chief operating officer of PMA in 1989, has guided the growth of the medical group from 18 physicians to more than 60 physicians located at five sites.

Trerotola graduated magna cum laude from the University of California with a bachelor's degree in social ecology, planning and public policy, and holds master's degrees in business administration and in public health from the same university.

He is active in community organizations, including Merrimack Valley Red Cross Board of Directors, Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce and Haverhill Rotary Club.

The NECC Foundation is a group of community leaders committed to the college and to raising funds to support NECC student scholarships, equipment purchases, program revitalization, faculty and staff development and other needs.

McPhee completes Marine basic training

Marine Pvt. William J. McPhee, son of Connie Pekarovich of 27 Dascomb Road, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

McPhee and fellow recruits began the training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally by running three miles and performing calisthenics at 5 a.m. McPhee spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. Recruits performed close-order drill and operated a small infantry unit during field training.

They received instruction on the Corps' values — honor, courage and commitment — and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

The training phase ended with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution that culminated with a ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps emblem and addressed as Marines for the first time



Greg Trerotola

(Continued on page 30)

Downtown: would bigger be better?

A former Planning Board chairman says the fundamental solution to the problems with Andover's downtown is to expand it.

That recommendation from **Hooks Johnston**, who served for about eight years on the board, was probably the most radical of those proposed at the first in a series of hearings hosted by the Planning Board on the future of the downtown.

But it was very much in line with the sentiment expressed by about 50 people who attended the hearing a week ago Wednesday.

There was general agreement about the "vision" for the future of the central business district. Some of it was about ambiance — lights, benches, trees, trash receptacles, signs and building facades. Some of it was about more practical and structural elements, like parking, traffic and pedestrian controls, zoning to encourage retail expansion and the impact of downtown activities on neighborhoods.

But both were about the ultimate goal — improving both the attractiveness and the economic health of the downtown.

"That was one thing that everybody echoed through the night — that the downtown is a critical piece," current Planning Board Chairman **Michael Miller** says. "People think it is charming. It's one of the reasons they choose to live here. So the look is important, and the stores and services are important."

But, of course, how to "save" the somewhat precarious health of any downtown is what tends to tie up local officials in any town threatened by malls and superstores. It is no different in Andover.

And that was the main point stressed by Johnston, who agrees that everything from parking to benches to retail space is important, but not fundamental.

"I've been involved in (discussions like) this for years," he says, "and every time we meet, we sort of rearrange the chairs on the deck."

"It's not that those things like lights, benches and slowing traffic aren't important. But the fundamental issue is that the central business district is too small."

"The population of the town has grown," he notes, "— virtually doubled in the past 15 years, but size of the central business district has stayed the same. When that happens, rents go up. The demand increases, but there is no increase in supply. So, no matter how hard you try, you're not going to get the assortment of things you want."

Exhibit A, he says, was a recent

attempt to bring a hardware chain to town. The model the company required was 10,000 to 15,000 square feet, at a rent of about \$8 per square foot. "Our rents are at least double that, and there isn't that kind of space anywhere on Main Street," Johnston says.

He says he's not proposing an expansion into existing residential neighborhoods, which are "nice and stable."

Instead, "I've proposed that we look at Dundee Park, Railroad Avenue, Lupine Road and the lower Essex Street area, which are all zoned to accommodate commercial uses, but it's not really happening because the road system is totally screwed up."

Johnston says he and others had approached **Kevin Sullivan**, the outgoing state highway commissioner who has been named secretary of transportation by Gov. Paul Cellucci, about a program that provides state money to redesign a road system in order to spur economic development. "He said this was a perfect example of what that money was for," Johnston says, adding that he then had a breakfast meeting with Miller, state Rep. **Barry Finegold**, state Senator-elect **Sue Tucker** and Selectman **Larry Larsen** to discuss it.

"We all agreed that this would be something good to pursue," he says, adding that two other impending projects would "converge" with a redesign of the streets. "We're talking about expanded parking for commuters, and a new police and fire station, which fit right into this," he says.

Finally, he predicts that an expanded business district would take some of the traffic pressure off Main Street. "This is the vent you're looking for," he says.

Miller says the planners are hoping for those and other ideas to be discussed at a series of monthly hearings that will help the board "get back to planning, instead of reacting," to downtown issues.

He says future hearings will concen-

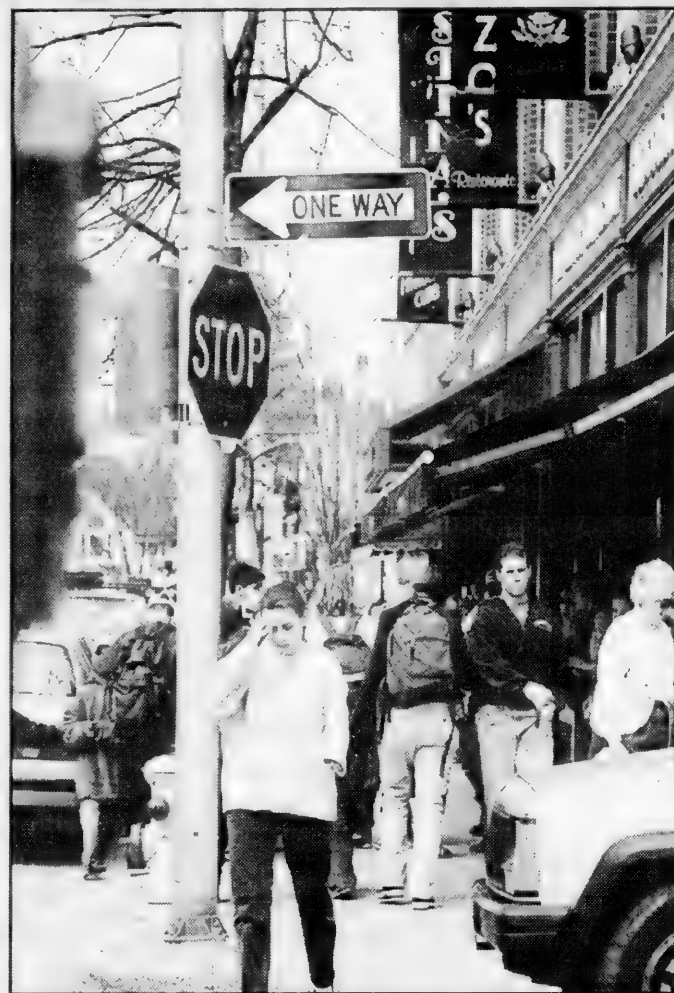


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Too crowded? At least one idea for rejuvenating the downtown business district is to expand it.

trate on certain "key issues," including:

- Streetscape elements.
- Parking — **Cliff Markell**, of Chestnut Street, suggested the construction of a parking deck that would then allow parking to be limited to one side of the street. That, in turn, would allow for a narrower street and wider sidewalks.

- Traffic and pedestrian movement.
- Retail and office mix — **Denis Ryan**, of the Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association (DANA), recently looked at the town of Lexington's model for limiting street-level business to retail.

"It doesn't exclude financial or insurance businesses," he says, "but they have to limit the first floor to retail activity, which means a smaller footprint, and less of what I call the 'Dilbert' operation, or people in cubicles on the first floor."

Ryan says the Lexington bylaw has been in place for about 10 years, "and is working well."

- Neighborhood compatibility.
- Expansion of the central business district.

"We will try to concentrate on specific issues," Miller says, "and we hope people will get involved."

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since boot camp began.

McPhee is a 1998 graduate of Aiea High School of Aiea, Hawaii.

Local students participate in Coats for Kids drive

Anton's Cleaners, announces that Andover's West Middle School grade eight "A-Team School" will participate in this year's Coats For Kids program. Sponsored by Anton's, The Salvation Army, WFXT/Fox 25 and the Boston Bruins, the drive has provided more than 16,000 coats to families in need since 1995.

Students and staff will collect winter coats for children and adults, and Anton's will clean them at no charge. They are then brought to The Salvation Army for distribution.

This year, more than 200 schools and several hundred businesses have been invited to participate in the program, said Charles Anton, vice president of Anton's Cleaners.

Last year's program distributed more than 10,000 coats. Anton's plans to collect another 10,000 coats this year.

"The generosity of our schoolchildren was simply overwhelming," Anton said, adding that more than 56 schools from Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire have already decided to participate in this year's campaign.

For the public to participate, winter coats of

any size may be dropped off at any Anton's Cleaners location between now and Dec. 31. All donated items are cleaned free before being distributed by The Salvation Army. Anton's donated an estimated \$80,000 in free cleaning in preparing last year's coats.

Once cleaned, the coats are given out through 10 Salvation Army locations in Massachusetts, including Lowell, Lawrence, Brockton and Framingham.

Weiner chairs Mass. Mortgage Association



Jay Weiner

The Massachusetts Mortgage Association recently elected and installed Jay S. Weiner, of Andover, as its chairman.

The director of the association since 1993, Weiner is the owner of Olde Towne Mortgage Company, Inc. in North Andover. A graduate of Case Western Reserve University, Weiner also earned an MBA from Northeastern University.

The Massachusetts Mortgage Association was founded in 1988 to represent mortgage brokers and lenders who provide residential mortgage loans to Massachusetts homeowners. The association has more than 300 members, and provides government relations, training, and other services to its members.



Sweet profits — Bob Stockard (center) and Maria Massaro (third from right), of Sales Staffers International, of Andover, work with Girl Scouts in New York City on selling cookies.

Local executives do workshop for NYC Girl Scouts

Bob Stockard and Maria Massaro, founders of Sales Staffers International Inc., of Andover, recently did a training workshop titled "Turning Cookies into Dough" for members of Brownie Troop 1135 from the Bronx and Junior Troop 4847 from Queens, as part of the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York's kickoff for the eighth annual Corporate Cookie Connection Day.

The professional sales workshop began in the Empire State Building's lower-level dining room, and included product information familiarization, a sales pitch, up-selling techniques and closers.

"Many of the Girl Scouts participating in Corporate Cookie

Connection Day are experiencing a corporate setting for the first time in their lives. Participating in the workshop will make the experience even more educational," said Susan Nitze, president of the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York board of directors.

"We hope to contribute not only to the sales effort, but to inspire confidence and perhaps influence these youngsters' early thinking about career directions," said Stockard, Sales Staffers CEO.

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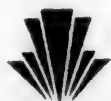
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Sports

Winter teams post 'win-some, lose-some' results so far

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High winter sports season is off to a lukewarm start.

The girls basketball team won two of its first three games, the boys basketball and boys swim and dive teams split their first two competitions, while boys track won its opener and both girls track and hockey lost.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

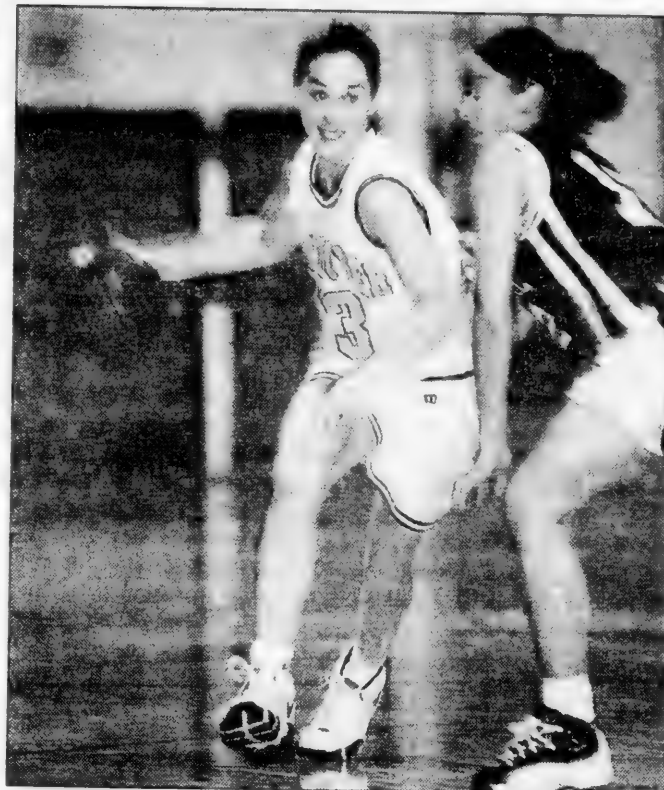
After three games the young and rapidly-improving Andover crew, with four freshmen seeing plenty of playing time, looks like a scrappy bunch that will give most opponents fits.

In recent Merrimack Valley Conference play, the locals threw a scare into Chelmsford before bowing, 50-46, and then cruised to a 58-24 win over Lawrence in Tuesday night's home opener at the Dunn Gym.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors had a tough non-league assignment last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, against traditional Cape Ann League power Masconomet Regional of Topsfield.

AHS opens defense of its Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament championship by battling North Andover in the semifinal round Sunday night at the



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

◀ At left, Lisa Tisbert runs around a pesky Lawrence defender Tuesday night.

Above, Lindsey Pearson looks for the open teammate. ▲

At right, AHS center Janice Coppolino eyes the hoop and sets to shoot. (She scores!) ▶

Methuen High Field House (6 p.m.).

Powerhouse Methuen duels Salem, N.H. in the other semifinal, with the championship and consolation games scheduled next Tuesday.

Chelmsford 50 Andover 46

The Lady Warriors led most of the way in this intense, fast-paced game, but a pair of three-pointers by Chelmsford's Meredith Merrill and Annie Metz in the final two minutes lifted the host team to victory.

"Once

again our girls played very hard — and tough defensively — but our inexperience showed," said AHS coach Jim Tildsley. "We have four freshmen on the roster. One starts and all four play a lot. It's going to take time for us to cut down on the mistakes. We made a few turnovers at key times and we missed a ton of layups in this one."

"So far it's been a different freshman playing well each night. Once we get more consistency we'll be very tough to beat."

"We're also looking for a player who wants the ball at the end in close games," said Tildsley. "Someone to take charge down the stretch."

Sophomore guard Lisa Tisbert and senior center Janice Coppolino were each hit with two fouls early in the game — forcing both to sit

down for about five minutes.

Andover led 29-27 at the break, and still had a slim advantage until the pivotal three-pointers arched in over the Lady Warriors' zone defense.

"Merrill took hers with three seconds left on the shot clock. It was so high I thought it might hit the ceiling," said Tildsley. "And Metz hit another unbelievable shot just after that. But give Chelmsford credit. They made the big baskets at key times."

"Janice (Coppolino) had two steals in the last 90 seconds, but our offense broke down and we couldn't take advantage."

"It's a good win for Chelmsford," said Tildsley. "They were pretty excited when it was over. But it was a game we easily could have won, too."

Coppolino paced Andover with 11 points, nine rebounds and three steals.

Tisbert added 10 points, freshman forward Shannon Sweeney seven, Lindsey Pearson six points, five steals and freshman center Megan Pinkstein had six points and a team-high 11 boards.

Freshman forward Kristen Swoboda and freshman guard Katie Kramer netted a basket each and senior guard Kaitlin Dargan netted two free throws before leaving with a broken finger.

Dargan, the No. 1 goaltender on the MVC champion AHS girls varsity soccer team, suffered a similar injury late in the fall season.

Chelmsford placed three players in double figures as Merrill had a game-high 14 points, Lis Drake 13 and Metz 10.

The locals once again struggled

at the free throw line — hitting only 18 of 35 charities (52 per cent).

Andover 58 Lawrence 24

This one was never in doubt as the Lady Warriors built a 19-point halftime lead, 33-14, and held the visiting Lancers to 10 second-half points in the home opener.

"It was nice to finally play one at home," said Tildsley. "We concentrated on our offense and executed better. We cut the turnovers down from 24 against Chelmsford to nine, but the (quality of the) opposition had something to do with that."

"The new players are still learning their roles, learning to go to certain spots in certain situations, and learning to react rather than moving like robots on the court."

"We still have to work on protecting the ball, making good entry passes and shooting better at the free throw line (10-for-26)," said Tildsley.

"We hope to improve a little each game and hopefully be okay by the middle of the season."

Eleven AHS players saw action — all but injured Kaitlin Dargan — and everyone scored.

Janice Coppolino had a big game with 17 points, 10 rebounds and three assists while playing about 20 minutes.

Michelle Danis contributed 10 points and nine boards, Megan Pinksten six points, nine rebounds and Lindsey Pearson six points, seven assists.

Kristen Swoboda tossed in five points, Lisa Tisbert four and single baskets were added by freshman Shannon Sweeney and juniors Jill

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Andover — Michelle Danis 3-2-8, Shannon Sweeney 3-2-8, Lisa Tisbert 0-0-0, Lindsey Pearson 7-0-14, Janice Coppolino 2-1-5, Kaitlin Dargan 0-0-0, Kristen Swoboda 2-2-6, Katie Kramer 1-4-6, Megan Pinksten 0-0-0. Totals: 18-11-47.

Central Catholic — Jenn Chuks 2-3-7, Grant 0-2-2, Vienneau 1-2-4, Angela Lucier 3-6-14, Caitlin Riley 4-2-12, Hall 1-3-5. Totals: 11-18-44.

Halftime: Andover, 29-14. 3-pointers: CC, Lucier 2, Riley 2.

Rebounds: A, Coppolino 14, Danis 10, Swoboda 10, Sweeney 7. Assists: A, Sweeney 4. Steals: A, Coppolino 7, Pearson 4, Danis 2, Sweeney 2, Swoboda 2.

CHELMSFORD 50, ANDOVER 46 at Chelmsford High

Andover — Shannon Sweeney 1-5-7, Lisa Tisbert 3-4-10, Lindsey Pearson 1-4-6, Janice Coppolino 5-1-11, Kaitlin Dargan 0-2-2, Kristen Swoboda 1-0-2, Katie Kramer 1-0-2, Megan Pinksten 2-2-6. Totals: 14-18-46.

Chelmsford — Danielle Incropera 0-1-1, Lauren Hanlon 2-2-6, Kate Dowling 1-0-2, Meredith Merrill 5-3-14, Kara Turco 1-0-2, Lis Drake 5-3-13, Katie Turco 0-2-2, Annie Metz 4-1-10. Totals: 18-12-50.

Halftime: Andover, 29-27. 3-pointers: C, Merrill 1, Metz 1.

Rebounds: A, Pinksten 11, Coppolino 9. Steals: Pearson 5, Coppolino 3.

ANDOVER 58, LAWRENCE 24 at Dunn Gymnasium

Lawrence — Alvarado 4-0-8, Heredia 1-0-2, Berenice 1-0-2, Alicea 0-1-1, Gonzalez 3-5-11. Totals: 9-6-24.

Andover — Michelle Danis 5-0-10, Shannon Sweeney 1-0-2, Lisa Tisbert 2-0-4, Lindsey Pearson 2-2-6, Janice Coppolino 7-3-17, Jill Oppenheim 1-0-2, Leah Spires 1-0-2, Jessie DeFrancisco 1-0-2, Kristen Swoboda 1-3-5, Katie Kramer 0-2-2, Megan Pinksten 3-0-6. Totals: 24-10-58.

Halftime: Andover, 33-14. 3-pointers: None. Rebounds: A, Coppolino 10, Danis 9, Pinksten 9. Assists: A, Pearson 7, Coppolino 3. Records: Andover 2-1, Lawrence 0-3.

ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL (3 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Janice Coppolino	14	5	33
Lindsey Pearson	10	6	26
Michelle Danis	8	2	18
Shannon Sweeney	5	7	17
Lisa Tisbert	5	4	14
Kristen Swoboda	4	5	13
Megan Pinksten	5	2	12
Katie Kramer	2	6	10
Jessie DeFrancisco	1	0	2
Jill Oppenheim	1	0	2
Leah Spires	1	0	2
Kaitlin Dargan	0	2	2

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AHS ROUNDUP

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Oppenheim, Jessie DeFrancisco and Leah Spires.

Katie Kramer completed the offense with a pair of free throws.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Super sophomore Tom McLaughlin scored 69 points in two games, as the Golden Warriors defeated Chelmsford, 67-55, and then dropped an 83-71 shootout to a Central Catholic team acknowledged as one of the best in the state this winter.

Schedule

Coach Dave Fazio's troops return to action Saturday when they battle Lawrence High in the opening (quarterfinal) round of the 23rd annual Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival at the North Andover High Field House.

Tourney play continues next Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, with game times and opponents to be determined.

AHS won't play another Merrimack Valley Conference game until Jan. 8 when its hosts Lowell (2-1) at the Dunn Gymnasium (7:30 p.m.).

Andover 67 Chelmsford 55

Tom McLaughlin started the sea-

son in style with a 35-point explosion, as the Golden Warriors took a 35-30 halftime lead and were never seriously challenged after the break.

Chelmsford led by seven points, 20-13, seven minutes into the game before McLaughlin took over.

The sophomore banged home three of his game-high five three-pointers on consecutive trips down the floor, and in less than two minutes AHS had taken a 22-20 lead.

That impressive outburst, along with a key second-half block by Paul Wysocki, were crucial to the victory.

"The block was a terrific play by Wysocki," said Fazio. "It could have been called goaltending but it wasn't. Their coach (Charlie Micol) argued and was hit with a technical foul. We made the free throw and then scored a basket to create a five-point swing."

The closest the Lions came after the opening minutes of the second half was seven points, 52-45.

McLaughlin finished 11-for-30 from the floor and 5-for-12 from behind the arc.

"He didn't shoot well but he hit the big shots," explained Fazio.

McLaughlin also had eight rebounds, while Wysocki contributed 11 points and a game-high 13 boards.

Paul Bellacqua debuted at point-guard with eight points and seven assists, while junior guard Dave Cordima netted six points, Brad Stubenhaus nailed a trifecta, Capt. Brian Anderson swished three free throws and Chris Demko hit a foul shot.

Andover held a slim 19-18 edge in field goals, but the locals converted 23-of-32 free throws to 15-of-26 for Chelmsford.

"We shot well at the line and that was a

BOYS INDOOR TRACK

ANDOVER 48, TEWKSBURY 38
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Long Dang (A) 7:0; 2. Charles Murnane (A); 3. Jay Stamp (T).

50 DASH: 1. Jeremy Spiegel (A) 5:8; 2. Mike Giles (A); 3. Tyler Welch (T).

300: 1. Erik Hamilton (T) 36:2; 2. Andy Pelletier (A); 3. Nick Malley (T).

600: 1. Matt Spitzer (A) 1:22.6; 2. Jon Shiner (T); 3. Chad Mongeau (A).

1000: 1. Larry Reed (T) 2:27.4; 2. Sean Higgins (A); 3. Terrance Fitzsimmons (A).

MILE: 1. Greg Stamm (A) 4:53.1; 2. Dave Clark (T); 3. Bob Filbin (A).

2-MILE: 1. Dan Mortimer (T) 11:13.3; 2. Ron Olson (T); 3. Alan Balcom (T).

HIGH JUMP: 1. Murnane (A) 5'10"; 2. Brian DeAngelo (A); 3. Welch (T).

SHOT PUT: 1. Bob Pucko (T) 41'0"; 2. Larry Dingle (T); 3. Jim Fraize (T).

4x400 RELAY: Won by Andover (Spitzer, Pelletier, Higgins & Mongeau), 3:49.4

Records: Andover 1-0, Tewksbury 0-1.

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

TEWKSBURY 48, ANDOVER 38
at AHS Field House

50 HURDLES: 1. Tasha Clark (T) 8:0; 2. Shannon Callahan-Higgins (A); 3. Melinda Monaco (T).

50 DASH: 1. Laura Petros (T) 6:5; 2. Chidinma Ibe (A); 3. Jenna Vannah (T).

300: Rachael O'Brien (T) 42:1; 2. Kerry Jenkins (T); 3. Carolyn Hannus (T).

600: Andrea Toland (T) 1:37.8; 2. Allison Corey (A); 3. Kaitlin Murray (A).

1000: 1. Leslie Ring (A) 3:14.1; 2. Meghan Goodhue (T); 3. Kaitlin Stolberg (A).

MILE: 1. Kerri Aherne (T) 5:39.1; 2. Emily Pfeil (A); 3. Stephanie Kolber (A).

2-MILE: 1. Kristen Munson (A) 12:14.6; 2. Stephanie Starling (T); 3. Lauren Marcotte (T).

HIGH JUMP: 1. Lexi Contos (A) 4'6"; 2. Pfeil (A); 3. Jenkins (T).

SHOT PUT: 1. Ogechi Ibe (A) 27'1"; 2. Lisa Constantino (T); 3. Stacy Corbett (T).

4x400 RELAY: Won by Tewksbury (Monaco, Petros, Aherne & Toland), 4:31.1

Records: Tewksbury 1-0, Andover 0-1.

major factor," said Fazio.

"Bellacqua was outstanding at the point. He only had two turnovers and he also held (Dan) Craig to four points in the second half (after he scored 16 in the first half).

"We played 10 guys for the first time in a long time," noted Fazio. "The way we ran players in and out wore Chelmsford down towards the end.

"Our three junior guards — Dave Cordima, Pat Murnane and Brad Stubenhaus — all did well in their first varsity game.

"We need strong backcourt play, especially with (sophomore) Danny Hughes out indefinitely."

Hughes injured his left knee during the final week of the football season and is currently rehabbing.

"We miss him alot," said Fazio.

Mark Rocca also took the first charge of the year. "That's a part of the defense we work hard on — stepping in front and getting position for the offensive foul," said Fazio.

Chelmsford was led by Dan Craig with 20 points, four assists and three steals, while Adam McCusker contributed 11 points, seven rebounds and six steals.

Jeff Chemaly had six points and eight boards, Alan Sager and Chase Seibert six points each and Nick Ziminsky seven rebounds.

Central Catholic 83 Andover 71

The Raiders were visiting Andover down in the second half of a game that broke from the gate at a racehorse pace and never let up.

Central (4-0), ranked second in

Eastern Mass. Division 1, held a slender one-point lead at the half (39-38) before eventually pulling away to victory in front of a Sunday night crowd estimated at over 1,500 fans.

Tom McLaughlin and the Raiders' Scott Hazelton, two of the state's most electrifying players, held their own shooting party as McLaughlin finished with 34 points (including six first-half trifectas) and Hazelton countered with a game-high 35.

AHS, forced to play without big Paul Wysocki, had some strong supporting efforts from junior swingman Brad Stubenhaus (14 points) and senior guard Mark Rocca (nine points).

But, for most of the night, it was McLaughlin and Hazelton trading bombs, short jumpers, strong drives to the hoop and slam-dunks to wow the crowd.

Chris Demko chipped in six points for Andover, Pat Murnane and Dave Cordima netted three each and Brian Anderson had a bucket.

McLaughlin netted the first nine AHS points on a trio of shots from behind the arc, as the Warriors erased an early 5-0 deficit to pull even, 9-9.

McLaughlin would finish the first half with 21 points while 6'7" junior Hazelton, a transfer from Malden Catholic, had 13 in the opening half and 22 after intermission including 9-of-10 from the free throw line.

Three-pointers by McLaughlin and junior guard Dave Cordima in the final 48 seconds of the first half cut a seven-point CCHS lead (39-32) to one.

A Stubenhaus three-pointer gave Andover a brief 41-39 lead at the start of the second half, but Hazelton keyed a 10-0 answering run as Central took control of the game.

The Raiders built the lead as high as 18 points, while AHS cut the deficit to eight (73-65) but never came any closer.

Central took the three-point shot away from McLaughlin in the final 16 minutes with some skillful defensive adjustments.

Randall Farris added 12 points for the winners, while Erik Hall and Bill Sherry had 11 each.

HOCKEY

A much-improved Lowell team (2-0), fresh off a 2-2 pre-season tie with New Hampshire Division 1 team Nashua, kept the Golden Warriors at bay and broke the game open late in the final period on the way to a 6-1 victory in their season-opening Merrimack Valley/Dual County League crossover game at Janas Rink in Lowell.

Senior Red Line forward Tim Sheehy scored the only Andover goal at 11:06 of the middle period, making it 3-1 at the time.

It stayed that way until Lowell added three insurance goals in the final 3:20 by Matt Corcoran, freshman Chris McKiel and Brian Ingram.

ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS BASKETBALL (2 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Tom McLaughlin	20	18	69
Brad Stubenhaus	6	2	17
Paul Wysocki	4	3	11
Dave Cordima	3	2	9
Mark Rocca	2	5	9
Paul Bellacqua	1	6	8
Chris Demko	3	1	7
Brian Anderson	1	3	5
Pat Murnane	1	1	3
3-pointers: Tom McLaughlin 11; Brad Stubenhaus 3; Dave Cordima 1.			

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BOYS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 67, CHELMSFORD 55
at Dunn Gymnasium

Chelmsford — Dan Craig 6-6-20, Mike Cruickshank 0-0-0, Dan Hart 0-1-1, Adam McCusker 3-3-11, Scott Meier 1-0-2, Matt Coddare 0-1-1, Kyle Nicodemus 0-0-0, Nick Ziminsky 0-2-2, Alan Sager 3-0-6, Chase Seibert 3-0-6, Jeff Chemaly 2-2-6. **Totals:** 18-15-55.

Andover — Brad Stubenhaus 1-0-3, Tom McLaughlin 11-8-35, Rob Bolway 0-0-0, Paul Bellacqua 1-6-8, Mark Rocca 0-0-0, Chris Demko 0-1-1, Paul Wysocki 4-3-11, Pat Murnane 0-0-0, Dave Cordima 2-2-6, Brian Anderson 0-3-3. **Totals:** 19-23-67.

Halftime: Andover, 35-30. **3-pointers:** A, McLaughlin 5, Stubenhaus 1; C, Craig 2, McCusker 2. **Rebounds:** A, Wysocki 13, McLaughlin 8; C, Chemaly 8, Ziminsky 7. **Assists:** A, Bellacqua 7; C, McCusker 7.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 83, ANDOVER 71
at CCHS Auditorium, Lawrence

Andover — Brad Stubenhaus 5-2-14, Tom McLaughlin 9-10-34, Mark Rocca 2-5-9, Chris Demko 3-0-6, Pat Murnane 1-1-3, Dave Cordima 1-0-3, Brian Anderson 1-0-2. **Totals:** 22-18-71. **Central Catholic** — Matt Qualter 2-0-4, Erin Hall 4-1-11, Scott Hazelton 12-9-35, Bill Sherry 4-2-11, Matt Kobselski 1-1-3, Brendan Campbell 0-1-1, Brad Dampousse 3-0-6, Randall Farris 4-4-12. **Totals:** 30-18-83.

Halftime: Central Catholic, 39-38. **3-pointers:** CC, Hazelton 2, Hall 2, Sherry 1; A, McLaughlin 6, Stubenhaus 2, Cordima 1. **Records:** Andover 1-1, Central Catholic 3-0.

ICE HOCKEY

LOWELL 6, ANDOVER 1
at Janas Rink, Lowell

FIRST PERIOD: 1. L. Paul Feeney 1 (Brian Ingram), 9:20. **SECOND PERIOD:** 2. L. Dan Tobin 1 (Mike Borges), 4:43; 3. L. Feeney 2 (Tobin, Matt Murphy), 9:17 (pp); 4. A, Tim Sheehy 1 (Keith Espinola, Mike Sheehy), 11:06.

THIRD PERIOD: 5. L. Matt Corcoran 1 (Paul Descheneaux, George Huggins), 11:40; 6. L. Chris McKiel 1 (Steve Allen), 13:19 (pp); 7. L. Ingram 1 (Descheneaux, Corcoran), 14:20.

Andover 0 1 0 1
Lowell 1 2 3 6

Shots on goal: Lowell 34, Andover 21. **Goalies:** L, Matt Rawls (21 shots, 20 saves); A, Mike Johnson (34 shots, 28 saves). **Penalties:** Lowell 3, Andover 7.

AHS ROUNDUP

Tri-Capt. Keith Espinola and Mike Sheehy had the assists for AHS, while goaltender Mike Johnson was credited with 28 saves.

Freshman Brian Feeney netted a pair of early goals for Lowell, while netminder Matt Rawls was sharp with 20 saves.

"It's the first time we've beaten Andover in about 15 years," said Lowell coach Bill Robinson. "Our kids skated hard and played a very disciplined game."

Schedule

Andover battled undefeated defending Division 3 state champ North Middlesex Regional (2-0) last night at the Wallace Civic Center.

The locals return to action next Monday night with another non-leaguer against Beverly High at the O'Keefe Rink in Peabody (7:30 p.m.).

AHS also has a non-league game next Wednesday against Winthrop High at the Vikings' rink.

INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High indoor track teams started their Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet seasons with a win and a moral victory against visiting Tewksbury.

The win was a 48-38 triumph by the boys, while the moral victory belonged to the AHS girls who threw a huge scare into powerhouse TMHS before bowing by the identical 48-38 score.

Both meets were decided by the final 4x400 relay. The Lady Warriors missed a 43-43 tie by a half-stride, which was Tewksbury's margin of victory in the relay.

Since the two schools are in different divisions of the MVC, the results count on their overall records but don't affect the chase for a league title.

Schedule

The Andover girls hosted Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro yesterday, and both teams return to the oval next Wednesday morning versus Lawrence (10 a.m.) at the AHS Field House.

Andover boys 48 Tewksbury 38

The Golden Warriors placed first in six of the 10 events including 1-2 finishes in the 50 hurdles, 50 dash and high jump.

Individual winners were senior hurdler Long Dang (7.0), junior sprinter Jeremy Spiegel in the 50 dash (5.8), Capt. Matt Spitzer (600 run, 1:22.6), junior miler Greg Stamm (4:53.1) and junior high jumper Charles Murnane (5'10").

AHS led 43-38 entering the relay, and clinched the victory when Spitzer, Capt. Andy Pelletier, Capt. Sean Higgins and junior anchor Chad Mongeau crossed first in 3:49.4.

Earning three points each with second-place finishes were Murnane (hurdles), Pelletier (300 dash), Higgins (1000), junior speedster Mike Giles (50) and high jumper Brian DeAngelo.

Completing the scoring with third places were Mongeau (600), junior Terrance Fitzsimmons (1000) and miler Bob Filbin.

Tewksbury stayed in contention by sweeping the shot put and two-mile for 18 of its 38 points.

ANDOVER SCORING

ICE HOCKEY (1 game)

	G	A	Pts
Keith Espinola	0	1	1
Mike Sheehy	0	1	1
Tim Sheehy	1	0	1

Tewksbury 48 Andover girls 38

The Lady Warriors had individual wins from Capt. Leslie Ring (1000 run, 3:14.1), Capt. Kristen Munson (two-mile, 12:14.6), junior high jumper Lexi Contos and sophomore shot putter Ogechi Ibe (27'1").

Sophomore Emily Pfeil was runner-up in both the mile and high jump, while also capturing seconds for the locals were senior hurdler Shannon Callahan-Higgins, Capt. Chidinma Ibe (50 dash) and junior Allison Corey (600 run).

Rounding out the AHS pointscorers in third were junior Kaitlin Murray (600), sophomore Kaitlin Stolberg (1000) and miler Stephanie Kolber.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Jim Russo was a double winner as Andover/Central Catholic headed into a three-week holiday break with an 84-66 Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet victory over visiting Lowell at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

The triumph squared A/C's record at 1-1. "We're doing well with what we have," said coach Mark Taffe. "But we have only 15 swimmers and need more. We have an open roster and any kids interested in coming out for the team are welcome to come to practice and sign up. Experience is preferred but not necessary."

"I hope more kids will join between now and our next meet on January 5."

Schedule

The Golden Warriors return to the water Jan. 5 with an MVC dual meet at Haverhill (3:30 p.m.).

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

NASHUA 108, ANDOVER/CENTRAL 70 at Gr. Lawrence Tech pool

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Nashua (Reid Willett, Chris Gilbride, Dan Brittan & Jeff Sullivan), 1:51.65; 2. Nashua (Jeff Pelletier, Steve Schuler, Sean McLaughlin & James McIntyre).

200 FREE: 1. Justin Crocker (AC) 1:59.78; 2. Mark Bertholette (N); 3. Gilbride (N).

200 IM: 1. Brittan (N) 2:13.00; 2. Jim Russo (AC); 3. Luke Moskal (AC).

50 FREE: 1. Sean Krueger (AC) 23.40; 2. Sullivan (N); 3. McIntyre (N).

1-METER DIVING: 1. Brian Petraville (N) 217.80 pts; 2. Justin Bernatchez (N).

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Kevin Riley (AC) 55.60; 2. McLaughlin (N); 3. Gilbride (N).

100 FREE: 1. Brittan (N) 51.88; 2. Russo (AC); 3. Joe Harrington (N).

500 FREE: 1. Krueger (AC) 5:22.30; 2. Bertholette (N); 3. Moskal (AC).

200 FREE RELAY: 1. Nashua (Pelletier, McIntyre, Gilbride & Sullivan), 1:42.65; 2. Nashua (McLaughlin, Schuler, Harrington & Jason Boire); 3. Andover/Central (Chris Beaulieu, Joe Flanagan, Shawn Grosser & Moskal).

100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Crocker (AC) 1:00.88; 2. Hal Goldstein (N); 3. Beaulieu (AC).

100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Riley (AC) 1:03.62; Sullivan (N); 3. Schuler (N).

400 FREE RELAY: 1. Andover/Central (Krueger, Russo, Crocker & Riley), no time; 2. Nashua Pelletier, Bertholette, Jason Grubb & Harrington; 3. Nashua (McLaughlin, Goldstein, Boire & Petraville).

ANDOVER/CENTRAL 84, LOWELL 66 at Gr. Lawrence Tech pool

200 MEDLEY RELAY: 1. Andover/Central (Joe Flanagan, Chris Beaulieu, Sean Krueger & Kevin Riley), 1:57.80; 2. Lowell (Erik Arvidson, Will Arvidson, Dave Rene & Neil Potter: No third place).

200 FREE: 1. Jim Russo (AC) 2:04.41; 2. Beaulieu (AC) 2:24.50; 3. Potter (L); 4. Tim Shank (AC).

200 IM: 1. Krueger (AC) 2:15.04; 2. Flanagan (AC) 2:38.47; 3. Rene (L).

50 FREE: 1. George Gayl (AC) 31.49; 2. Sean Grosser (AC) 32.47; 3. Anthony DeCunha (L); 5. Senjit Sarkar (AC).

1-METER DIVING: Not contested.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1. Russo (AC) 1:07.08; 2. Luke Moskal (AC) 1:13.55; 3. EArvidson (L).

100 FREE: 1. Shank (AC) 1:18.77; 2. Calvin Leung (AC) 1:21.06; 3. DeCunha (L).

500 FREE: 1. Moskal (AC) 5:44.17; 2. EArvidson (L); 3. WArvidson (L); 4. Grosser (AC).

200 FREE RELAY: 1. Lowell (Tahn Tran, DeCunha, Ed Mical & Jon Ivan), 2:44.46; No second or third place.

100 BACKSTROKE: 1. Beaulieu (AC) 1:11.20; 2. Potter (L); 3. WArvidson (L).

100 BREASTSTROKE: 1. Flanagan (AC) 1:17.20; 2. Rene (L); 3. Gayl (AC) 1:25.23.

400 FREE RELAY: 1. Lowell (Potter, Rene, EArvidson & WArvidson), 5:02.56; 2. Lowell (DeCunha, Mical, Tran & Phan); No third place.

Records: Andover/Central Catholic 1-1, Lowell 0-2.

Andover/Central 84 Lowell 66

Russo, a junior standout, placed first in the 200-yard freestyle (2:04.41) and 100 butterfly (1:07.08) as the meet's only double winner.

Adding single victories for the locals were Sean Krueger (200 IM, 2:15.04), sophomore George Gayl (50 free, 31.49), junior Tim Shank (100 free, 1:18.77), sophomore Luke Moskal (500 free, 5:44.17), sophomore Chris Beaulieu (100 backstroke, 1:11.20) and junior Joe Flanagan (100 breaststroke, 1:17.20).

The 200 medley relay of Flanagan, Beaulieu, Krueger and anchorman

Kevin Riley also touched first in 1:57.80.

Contributing second places for AHS were Beaulieu (200 free, 2:24.50), Flanagan (200 IM, 2:38.47), Capt. Sean Grosser (50 free, 32.47), Moskal (100 fly, 1:13.55) and sophomore Calvin Leung (100 free, 1:21.06).

Gayl added a third in the 100 breast (1:25.23), Shank was fourth in the 200 free, Grosser fourth in the 500 free and senior Senjit Sarkar fifth in the 50 free.

"First-year team members Leung, Gayl, Sarkar and James Paul are going to make a difference for us in the long run," said coach Taffe.

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By Rick Harrison
Charlotte and Sarah Muller of Andover have helped the Lehigh University women's basketball team to a 5-2 start after its first seven

games this season. Charlotte, a 5'7" freshman guard wearing lucky uniform No. 13, has played in all seven games and registered 25 points, 16 rebounds, eight

assists, six steals and one blocked shot.

Six of her seven field goals are three-pointers and she is also 5-for-7 from the free throw line.

Twin sister Sarah

has played in three games.

Lehigh opened the season with an exhibition loss to a touring team from Belarussia and owns wins over Princeton, Manhattan, Radford, University of Pennsylvania and Marist.

Lehigh will next play at the Florida International Tournament after Christmas.

The closest Lehigh comes to Andover is a Jan. 26 game at Holy Cross in Worcester (7 p.m.).

The Mullers led Andover to the Massachusetts state Division 1 hoop semifinals two years ago and the state championship game last winter.

AHS was 47-3 overall those two seasons.

Charlotte graduat-

ed as the all-time leading scorer in AHS hoop history with well over 1,000 career points.

Sarah Moss of Andover, a graduate of Middlesex School in Concord (Mass.), is a senior forward on the Union College women's ice hockey team.

The Dutchwomen, a club team this winter but headed for NCAA Division 3 status next year, were 1-3 after their first four games.

Moss sparked Union's first victory, 10-3 over local rival Skidmore, with two goals and four assists.

Those six points give Moss the team scoring lead.

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By Rick Harrison

St. Robert's A, St. Robert's B and St. Augustine B all improved to 2-0 with victories during the second week of play in the Senior Boys Division of the Andover Church Basketball League.

In the ACBL Senior Girls Division, St. Robert's A and St. August-

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BOYS DIVISION

St. Robert's B 35

St. Robert's C 31 (ot)

This overtime battle was a barnburner from start to finish.

SRC trailed 31-28 with four seconds left in regulation, but Doug Powers hit a 10-foot shot and a clutch free throw to complete a three-point play and force the extra period.

SRB still pulled out the win when Jeremy Cohen and Paul Skinner scored the only baskets in

overtime.

Skinner finished with 12 points, Jarrett Mackin 9 and Cohen 6 for the winners.

SRC (1-1) was led by Powers with a game-high 18 points, and Ryan Hutzler whose 6 in the fourth quarter helped spark a 14-7 run to tie the game.

St. Robert's A 41

Temple Emanuel 15

Nick Brucato and Jonathan DeLeo shared game-high scoring honors with 10 points each for SRA, which rolled despite hitting only one of 19 free throws.

Jason White added 5 points

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ACBL RESULTS

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while Adrian Gilbert, Luis Gonzalez and Brian Murphy netted 4 each for the winners, who owned a comfortable 18-4 half-time lead.

Steve Garabedian scored 8 points and Jacob Kleinman 5 for Temple (1-1).

Faith Lutheran 37 St. Augustine A 25

Lutheran (1-1) used its inside strength and the scoring of Andy Pfeil (13 points) to key the triumph, a 14-9 second-quarter burst providing the winners with a 21-13 halftime advantage.

Mike Pescatore contributed 6 points, Jared Cuneo 5, Jeff Black 4, and Kurtis Green 4.

Tyler Richards (10 points) and Scott Mancinelli (7 points) sparked SAA (0-2).

St. Augustine D 29 Ballardvale United 18

Jon Shaw and Nick Stamas netted 4 points each to key a pivotal 10-0 third quarter for SAB.

Brendan Smith finished with 10 points, Stamas 8, Shaw and Matt Hill 4 each for the winners.

Neil McCarthy, Julio Santos and Abhinay Eswarappa scored 4 points apiece for United (0-2).

St. Augustine B 40 St. Augustine C 16

Jake Fitzpatrick (14 points) and his supporting cast were too much as SAB broke to a commanding 25-5 halftime lead and cruised.

Brian Axelrod, Brent Eckel, Joe Heitz and Dan Maltzman contributed 4 points each for the victors.

Chris Vining shared game-high honors with 14 points for SAC.

GIRLS DIVISION

St. Robert's A 24

St. Robert's B 23

Melanie Burnett's lay-up with less than a minute to play lifted SRA to the come-from-behind win, as the victors erased a 16-10 halftime deficit.

Burnett scored 10 points, Ashley Faulk 6, Erica Durie 4 and Jacquelyn Collins 4 for SRA.

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Ballardvale United	0	2	26	58

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St. Robert's A	2	0	48	31
West Parish	1	1	36	32
St. Augustine B	1	1	33	32
St. Robert's B	0	2	39	52
Free Christian	0	2	13	55

Chanel Figueredo was game-high with 12 points and Missy Berger added 6 for SRB.

St. Augustine B 25 Free Christian 8

Speedy guard Marianne Murphy scored 13 points on a variety of shots to lead SAB to the victory.

Rachel McMahon pocketed 4 points for Free, while Tricia Mackay and Eleanor McCandless had first-half baskets.

St. Augustine A 27 West Parish 6

SAA exploded for 16 straight fourth-quarter points to break a close game wide open.

The inside shooting of Kerrie Dargan (7 points) and Cate Raueo (4 points) sparked the outburst, while guard Kristin Villanueva had 7 points and a strong floor game.

Betsy Pierce was game-high scorer for the winners with 8 points, six in the first quarter.

West Parish (1-1) had single baskets by Lisa Hagopian, Arianna Miliotis and Elizabeth Dwulet.

POLICE LOG

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Friday, Dec. 18 - At 5:54 a.m., a Greenbriar Circle caller reported her car was entered since 1 a.m., and a jacket, portable CD player and Christmas gifts were taken. At 8:38 a.m., another Greenbriar Circle caller reported her car was entered and a cellular phone was taken. Also missing was a backpack and a calculator.

At 7:54 a.m., a walk-in reported her wallet stolen from a New England Business Park business.

At 11:28 a.m., a person on Old School House Road reported her vehicle had been entered and some items were missing.

At 6:05 p.m., a Piper Glen woman reported someone had stolen a package that had been dropped off by Federal Express.

Sunday, Dec. 20 - At 9:15 a.m., a caller reported the theft of a cellular phone from his car while it was parked on Main Street about a week earlier.

At 7:16 p.m., a man reported a saw taken from Phillips Academy Dec. 17.

Monday, Dec. 21 - At 7 p.m., after a call about vandalism to a car at the Greater Lawrence Technical School, an officer reported that an assault and larceny had taken place.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - At 9:03 a.m., a New England Business Park caller reported a wallet had been lost or stolen back on Dec. 17.

At 2:18 p.m., a caller reported a theft from the Ramada Rolling Green fitness center locker room.

At 7:42 p.m., a man reported his credit cards had been stolen from a locker at the YMCA about a week ago.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - At 9:04 a.m., police assisted state police with two stolen cars recovered on the other side of the tracks near Brickstone Square.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - At 9:22 a.m., an Old River Road resident came into the station to report a lost or stolen license plate.

At 4:33 p.m., Medford police reported recovering a vehicle stolen out of Andover.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Dec. 17 - At 5:16 p.m., there was a two-car accident on Route 125 at Wildwood road. An ambulance was called for a woman with neck pain.

Friday, Dec. 18 - At 3:23 p.m., an ambulance was sent to an accident with reported personal injuries at the corner of Haverhill and York streets.

Saturday, Dec. 19 - At 12:25 a.m., the Jaws of Life were requested to assist state police with an accident reported as "steam roller vs. car."

At 8:31 p.m., a River Road motorist reported hitting a deer that took off afterwards. An officer was unable to locate the deer.

Monday, Dec. 21 - At 7:46 a.m., there was a report of an accident with injury on North Main Street.

At 8:03 p.m., there was a report of a car striking a wall with personal injury resulting on North Main Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - At 11:16 a.m., there were several calls about a North Main Street car accident. Two two trucks were requested and people were taken to a hospital.

VANDALISM

There were three reported incidents of vandalism.

To advertise in the Townsman sports pages, call 475-1943

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

(Continued from page 24)

Any legal permanent resident who has lived in the United States for the past five years and is interested in becoming a citizen should call **Karen Sheridan at the Adult Learning Center at 975-5917.**

Women Alone is a non-profit educational association whose activities focus on the needs of women alone. They sponsor Women Together, a Social Calendar for Women Alone. If you are interested in joining with other women in your area to organize a chapter in your town, call the office at (603) 436-6119. Women Alone is open to any woman, of any age,

any profession, and any marital status who finds herself alone for a day, afternoon, evening or weekend, and would like the company of other women who are also alone. It is for women who live alone and for women who feel alone. The mailing address is P.O. Box 3248, Portsmouth, N.H. 03802-3248 with an office in Greenland, N.H. Women Alone was founded in June 1998 by Allison Oleson.

The Visiting Nurse Hospice, a program of Visiting Nurse of Middlesex-East, is looking for caring hospice volunteers to help support the needs of hospice patients and

families. Volunteers are especially needed in the Andover area. Training and support will

be provided.

Hospice patients are those with terminal diseases and a

less than six-month life expectancy, living at home. The hospice program provides professional support and comfort for physical, educational, spiritual, psychological, and sociological aspects of the dying process. Hospice volunteers offer friendship and emotional support to patients as well as meeting support needs of family members, including children.

For more information, call **Pat Kumph**, volunteer coordinator, at (781) 438-3770, Ext. 666.

◀ **Discover Preschool gives Toys for Tots to the Marines.** Pictured with Marines are Aaron Allen, Kate Curtis, Gregory Howard and Billy Schiavoni.





Single Residence B/C Districts and is shown on Assessor's Map 156 as Lot 12.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
December 24 & 31, 1998

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1999 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of PAUL St. HILAIRE, TRUSTEE SUMMER TRUST, c/o Caffrey & Caffrey, 1 Elm Square, Andover, Ma. for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A. 1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the removal and reconstruction of an existing single family residence.

Premises affected are located at 96 DASCOMB ROAD, Andover, Ma. in

Premises affected are located at ONE APPLE-TREE LANE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessor's Map 42 as Lot 20.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
December 24 & 31, 1998

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 12, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, for the purpose of determining whether or not Robert Tardugno of Chukker One Realty Trust should be found in default of his obligations to complete the work on his street known as

Hitchcock Farm Road in the Hitchcock Farm Estates subdivision off Haggetts Pond Road under the terms of an agreement entered into by him with the Town on March 12, 1990, and if found in default thereof whether or not the performance guarantee established for the completion of said work should be seized by the Town.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Chairman
December 24 & 31, 1998.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

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mother and a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the addition of a garage that will not meet the minimum setback requirements.

Premises affected are located at 25 COOLIDGE ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 20 as Lot 136.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
December 24 & 31, 1998

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION

Docket No. 98P2828-EP1
NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF CHAR-
LOTTE ANN LAPOINTE
otherwise known as
CHARLOTTE A. LA-
POINTE.

To all persons interest-
ed in the estate of CHAR-
LOTTE ANN LAPOINTE,
otherwise known as CHAR-

LOTTE A. LAPOINTE late of the County of Essex Date of Death, November 20, 1998.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by THOMAS LAPOINTE, named in said will as THOMAS L. LAPOINTE of Port Charlotte in the State of Florida, praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving a surety on his bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 19, 1999.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 14, 1998.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
December 24, 1998

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties in Andover that sold from September 16 To September 23.

1 Merrimack Valley Lubavitch, Inc. bought **14 Marwood Drive, Lot 3**, for \$250,000, from Mildred J. Moore Lane. The mortgage is with First Trade Union Bank.

2 William Robinson bought **20A Washington Park Drive**, for \$78,000, from Irene D. Shwetz.

3 Joseph C. Gaspar bought **65 Greenwood Road, Lot 11**, for \$272,000, from David R. Yoshida. The mortgage is with Fleet Mortgage Corp.

4 Richard W. Durbeck bought **75 Wild Rose Drive**, for \$378,000, from Francis H. Murphy III. The mortgage is with Assurance Mortgage Corp Of America.

5 P. Patrick Kearney bought **35 Andover Country Club Lane, Lot 120**, for \$970,000, from Tom Pesut. The mortgage is with Hunne-man Mortgage Corp.

6 Leigh Keefe bought **29 Andover St., Lot 11**, from Vincent G. Legendre for \$290,000. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

7 Kellyann Eramo bought **Unit 83-9, Colonial Drive**, for \$60,000, from Carol A. Bowden. The mortgage is with Reading Cooperative Bank.

8 Phillip Page bought **83 Jenkins Road**, for \$443,197, from Stowe Development Inc. The mortgage is with Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc.

9 Joan M. Feeley bought **19 Buttonwood Drive, Lot 11**, for \$800,000, from Victoria A. Wacome. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This home, at 9 Marie Drive, was recently sold for \$430,000.

10 Vincent L. Laiosa bought **Unit B-2-11 B2 Colonial Drive**, for \$50,000, from BankBoston N.A.

11 Ruston F. Jilla bought **9 Marie Drive, Lot 32**, for \$430,000, from Andrew J. Roehr. The mortgage is with Northwest Mortgage Of Massachusetts, Inc.

12 Elizabeth Tannebring bought **66 Woburn St.**, for \$291,000, from Ronald A. Macera. The mortgage is with Accubanc Mortgage Corp.

13 Linda Berube bought **Unit 26C, 2 Colonial Drive**, for \$90,000 from Contemporary Builders Inc. The mortgage is with

BankBoston N.A.

14 Stephen M. Ishihara bought **53 Whittier St.**, for \$202,300, from Michael A. Frishman. The mortgage is with M & T Mortgage Corp.

15 James W. McLeod, Jr. bought **229 Andover St.**, for \$289,900, from Edna B. McIntyre. The mortgage is with Olde Towne Mortgage Co., Inc.

16 Gary L. Cleaver bought **1 Chapman Ave.**, for \$433,750, from Thomas R. Gramaglia. The mortgage is with Mortgage Master, Inc

Source: Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence Branch.

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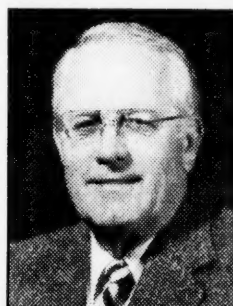
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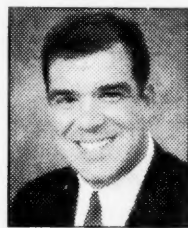
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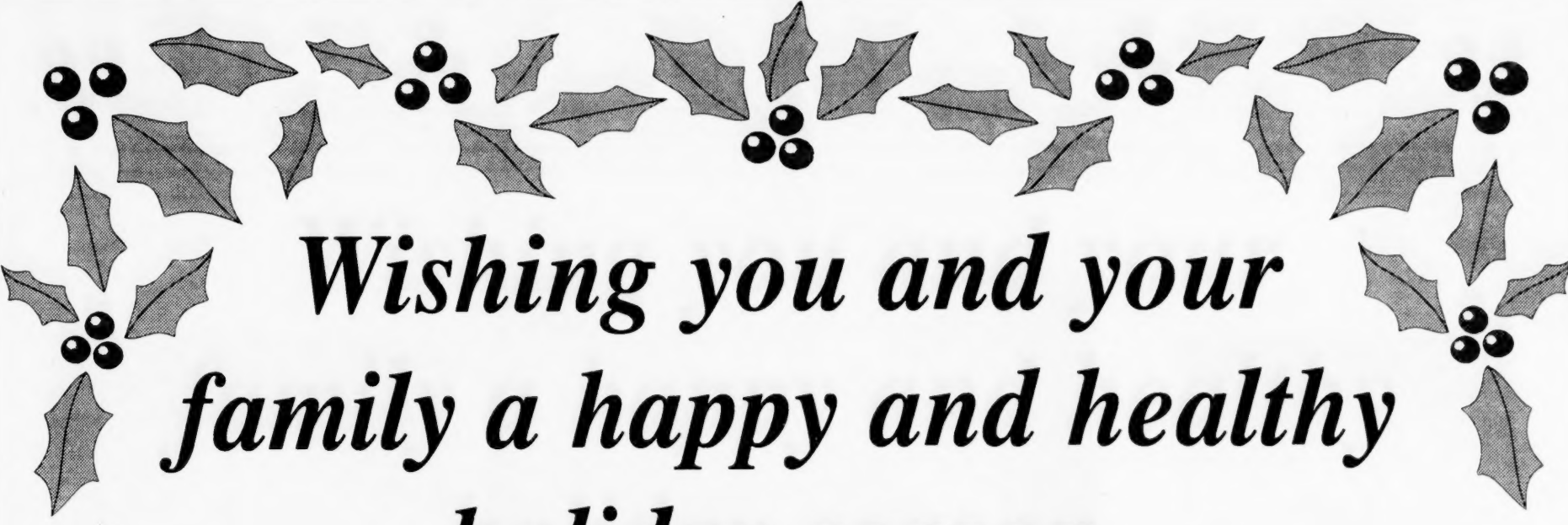
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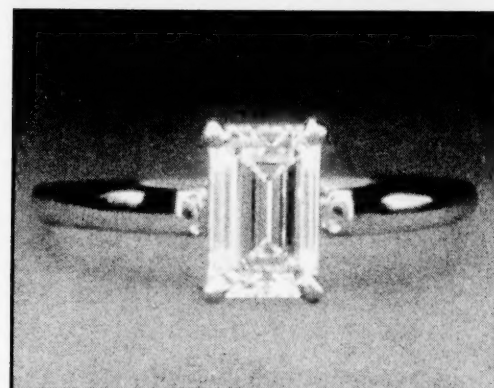


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